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PIRACY SUSPECTS IN CONGRESS LEADERS TO BE FREED.

Story of British Third Officer.

CHASE DESCRIBED.

The twelve men, crews of two junks, who are charged with an act of piracy when they attacked cargo junk No. 206V, off Pedro Blanco, on January 4, made another appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy is conducting the case for the Crown, whilst Mr. Hing-shing Lo, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, is defending.

Speed Attracts Attention.
Mr. Paul Studholme, Third Officer of the s.s. Hang Sang, in evidence, said that on the day in question he kept forenoon watch and came on again at 12.30 p.m. The ship was on a journey to Swatow from Hong Kong, and was travelling N. 74 E. (true). Its speed was about 10 1/2 knots. Whilst on the bridge witness saw three sails on the starboard side of the steamer, about six miles distant. As they got closer, he noticed that the junks' bearing was being altered, and their speed attracted his attention. There was a little wind. He took his spy-glass and saw one large junk and two smaller ones. It appeared to him that the larger one was being hotly pursued by the smaller craft.

Course Altered.
As the Hang Sang got closer still, witness noticed that the man at the tiller of the large junk was waving something about. This was about 12.50 p.m. and the junks were by then about five points to the starboard of the bow of the ship, and about one mile distant. By the time that the ship got almost abreast of the craft, the leading junk began to alter its course, and the crew on it were all shouting out together and waving their arms as they rowed rapidly. Obviously there was something wrong, so witness called the Quartermaster. Witness put the helm of the Hang Sang to port and thus altered its course. He gave a warning to the engineers to stand by, and the quartermaster went and called the Captain, who was at his tiller. Noticing that the ship had altered course, the two smaller junks headed toward land, and left the big junk to the ship. Witness went down to the chart room and brought up six rifles, two of which he loaded. The Captain then took over the bridge. The ship manoeuvred around and the crew of the large junk beckoned to them for help. They took the craft in tow, after examining the master's papers, but the tow rope broke. The crew were in a very exhausted condition. It was about 1.30 p.m.

Something Thrown Overboard.
On approaching one of the two pursuing junks witness noticed that something had been thrown overboard, and there was a splash in the sea. He went to the bow, and, after ordering the sails to be brought down, saw that something more was thrown into the water. Previously witness had noticed six men rowing, but now there were only three men visible. They remained with the junk till H.M.S. Somme came. The other junk was captured by the s.s. Soochow, which had been following the Hang Sang, having left Hong Kong harbour an hour later. This junk was also passed over to the Somme. Witness heard no firing.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness agreed that there was a little favourable wind, and that the junks had taken advantage of it.
Mr. Lo: "It was a calm day. Would you hear a shot if it was fired, at a distance of about eight miles?"
Witness: "I don't know how far a rifle shot will carry."

No Fear of Collision.
In reply to further questions put to him, witness said that there were not very many fishing junks for a stretch of about 40 to 50 miles between Hong Kong and Swatow. He would not be surprised to find one there, though. When he first saw the three junks, they were about a mile to the north of Pedro Blanco, and there was no fear of a collision.

Mr. Lo suggested that the splash witness saw might have been that of a fishing net being cast into the water, but witness

Viceroy's Amnesty of Political Prisoners.

OF WHAT GOOD?

New Delhi, Yesterday.
Among the Congress leaders to be released with Gandhi (probably to-morrow evening) are Vallabhai Patel, Sen Gupta, Mrs. Naidu, and Jawaharlal Nehru. [Vallabhai Patel was sentenced to nine months' simple imprisonment on January 6, on a charge of making a prohibited speech, for which he was arrested at Ahmedabad the previous month. Mrs. Naidu was imprisoned in May last year, Sen Gupta in November, and Jawaharlal Nehru in October, for similar offences.]
Earlier News.
New Delhi, Saturday.
As a result of a special meeting of the Viceroy's Executive Council, it is understood that Gandhi and about 30 other Congress leaders will be released to-morrow.

New Delhi, Yesterday.
Lord Irwin has ordered the unconditional release of Gandhi and other members of the Congress working committee, and has cancelled the order making the committee unlawful.

Lord Irwin in a statement says that he has ordered the release to enable Congress to discuss dispassionately Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's statement of policy.

Gandhi was arrested on May 5, on the eve of the beginning of mass civil disobedience.—Reuter.

FLIGHT TO CANTON.

MR. BROPHY TAKES OFF FROM FOCHOW.

DELAY AT CHUCHOW.

Fochow, To-day.
Mr. G. W. Brophy Manager and pilot of L. E. Gale & Co., took off this morning at 7.15 for Canton.—Reuter.

Earlier News.
Fochow, Yesterday.
Mr. G. W. Brophy arrived here at 2.45 p.m., in glorious weather, and reports all well.

He is leaving at six o'clock to-morrow morning direct for Canton, leaving there for Manila on Tuesday.
There was a delay at Chuchow caused by the Chinese authorities taking his fuel, to prevent his departure, until they received a telegram ordering his release.—Reuter.

PAWNBROKER'S COSTLY ERROR.

In the Central Second Court this morning, Mr. E. H. Williams made an order on a pawnbroker of Wan-chai to return an engagement ring, valued at \$500, the property of Mrs. H. J. Armstrong, without payment.

It was stated by the pawnbroker that a certain Chinese pawned it at his shop on January 16, for \$100, and witness admitted that he had made a mistake in not detaining the man on suspicion.

Chief Officer's Evidence.
Mr. James Moodle, Chief Officer of the Hang Sang, said that he was having tiffin at the time of the incident, when he received a message. He went on to the main deck, and heard a considerable amount of shouting. He looked out and saw a large junk being pursued by two smaller junks. They were on the starboard side of the Hang Sang. The crews of all three craft were rowing and sailing vigorously. When the crew of the big junk (which he described as a trading junk) came alongside they were in a condition of exhaustion.

He saw a considerable amount of stuff being thrown overboard from the two junks. Just as the Somme came up something else was thrown into the sea. The other junk was eventually captured by the s.s. Soochow. The crews of the two other junks were not by any means in an exhausted state. The hearing was adjourned.

SIR P. FITZPATRICK.

ALLEGED ORIGINATOR OF TWO MINUTES' SILENCE.

DEATH ANNOUNCED.

Capetown, Yesterday.
The death took place to-day of Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, K.C.M.G., who claimed to have originated the idea of the two minutes' Silence for Armistice Day.

King's Tribute.

Lord Stamfordham wrote on behalf of His Majesty in 1920, assuring Sir Percy Fitzpatrick that the King "ever gratefully remembers that the idea of a two minutes' pause on Armistice Day was due to your initiative, a suggestion readily adopted and carried out with heartfelt sympathy throughout the Empire."

Sir Percy Fitzpatrick was in London shortly after the War and made, it is asserted, the suggestion to Lord Milner, who passed it on to authoritative quarters.—Reuter.

[Sir (James) Percy Fitzpatrick was born at King William's Town in 1862, being the son of the Hon. James Coleman Fitzpatrick, of Nenagh, Ireland, and married Elizabeth Cubitt, of Pretoria, in 1889. Educated at St. Gregory's College, Downside, Bath, he went to the Transvaal in 1884 and accompanied the Randolph Churchill expedition through Mashonaland in 1891. In 1892 he joined the firm of H. Eckstein and Co., became a partner in 1898, and retired in 1908. Sir Percy was for a time Hon. Secretary to the Reform Committee, and was imprisoned for political work in connection with that body. In 1910 he was elected a member for Pretoria East in the Union Parliament, and retired from Parliamentary work in 1920. He was the author of many books on South Africa.]

GERMANS ILL-USED.

COMPLAINT FROM SETTLERS IN SILESIA.

LEAGUE ACTION.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The final sitting of the League Council disposed of the most important issue with which it has been faced for a long time, namely, the complaint of ill-treatment of the German minority in Upper Silesia.

The Council adopted the report of the Committee presided over by the Japanese delegate, Mr. Yoshizawa, which found that Poland had in numerous cases infringed the Minorities Convention, and suggesting the steps the Polish Government should take to remedy the situation.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, in a closing speech, congratulated the Council, and particularly the German and Polish delegates, upon the happy outcome of the proceedings which would be greeted with relief by every friend of the League of Nations.—Reuter.

VISIT TO POLICE.

LEADS TO CHARGE AGAINST HER MISTRESS.

MUI TSAI CASE.

A fine of \$50 or one month's imprisonment was imposed on Kang Kam, married woman, of 279, Reclamation Street, for keeping an unregistered muai tsai, between September 2 and October 11 and January 20-23.

At the Kowloon Magistracy to-day Mr. Q. A. A. Macfarlane said that the S.C.A. did not wish to press for a heavy penalty in this particular case, as there were no aggravating circumstances, and owing to the defendant being absent from the Colony during part of the registration period, it was possible that she was unaware of the new order. He also added that the charge of assault was found to be false.

Inspector Clarke said that on Friday last complainant, Lok Kam, came to the Police Station, and said she had been assaulted by her mistress, Kang Kam. The case was reported to the S.C.A. and on investigation, it was discovered that complainant was an unregistered muai tsai.

MRS. XAVIER'S CASE.

Magistrate Fixes Date of Hearing.

MR. MANTON'S RECOVERY.

On the charge of having attempted to murder Mr. Alfred Joseph Manton, at 416, Lockhart Road, on December 27, by firing at him with a revolver, Mrs. Jesuina Maria Xavier made her fifth appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson appeared for the defence, and intimated that he understood that the Crown was ready to go on with the case, but that he would like a date fixed.

Detective - Sub - Inspector M. Murphy said that Mr. Manton was discharged from Hospital on Saturday. The evidence would

DRIZZLE OR MIST.

The Royal Observatory's weather report, to-day states:

The Eastern Sea depression is now central over Mid-Japan. The Tonkin depression is filling up.

A strong anticyclone is central over N. China. The monsoon will freshen considerably; generally overcast; some drizzle or mist; colder.

Rainfall.
Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 0.11 inch against an average of 1.02.

Temperature.
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	66
Macao	65
Pratas Island	74
Manila	72
Fochow	58
Amoy	60
Swatow	64
Shanghai	40
Chefoo	24

very short, there being only Mr. Manton's statement and the evidence of an amah who was in the cook-house at the time of the alleged shooting. There would also be evidence to say that the defendant went to Kowloon and procured a revolver.
His Worship fixed the hearing for Monday next at 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

CONVICT LABOUR.

U.S. PROTEST AGAINST SOVIET IMPORTS.

Washington, Saturday.
A meeting of members of the House of Representatives belonging to the lumber States, has resolved to urge Mr. A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, to take steps to protect American products against goods made by Russian convicts.—Reuter.

WAR VETERANS.

OVER 200 MARCH TO WASHINGTON.

Philadelphia, Saturday.
A band of 200 unemployed war veterans have begun a march of 188 miles to Washington, where they intend to appeal to the President, Mr. Hoover, to hasten the relief of unemployed ex-soldiers.—Reuter's American Service.

50 FEET HIGH WAVES.

Paris, Dec. 19.
A fierce storm is raging in the Mediterranean, preventing ships entering ports.
A deluge of rainfall, which overturned trains in Algeria, was the prelude to the most violent cyclone in living memory.
Waves fifty feet high swept the harbour, sinking a dozen lighters and smashing breakwaters.
The damage to the port alone is estimated at 20,000,000 francs.

CREDIT POLICY.

MEANS OF DISTRIBUTING GOLD TO THE WORLD.

LONG TERM TREND.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The most important measures and proposals for achieving a beneficial distribution of gold are:—

The grant to monetary authorities powers to enable the pursuit of an advisable credit policy;

The reduction of the existing minima of reserves legally required in the Central Banks in accordance with the previous international understanding;

The maintenance of the general practice of not circulating gold coin;

Close collaboration between the Central Banks;

Improved mechanism for the issue of foreign loans and the promotion of international transactions on existing securities.

The Report observes that during the past fifteen years, owing to the war and its consequences, the distribution of gold has been largely determined by non-monetary causes, and that these should work out themselves. The process may be slow, but could be accelerated by the restoration of confidence.

The Report, referring to the recent generalisation of the gold exchange standard, says that the task of the Central Banks becomes more delicate and more difficult. It points out that countries adopting the gold standard automatically assume the responsibility of conducting an economic and financial policy which shall maintain confidence and facilitate the general working of the standard.

The Report concludes by expressing the belief that the adoption of principles at the outset will lead to a more economic distribution of gold and prevent the magnitude of supplies of new gold exercising an influence on the long term trend of the purchasing power of gold.—Reuter.

RUNNER FINED.

DENIAL OF FIRST CONVICTION WITHDRAWN.

ON SHIP WITHOUT PERMIT.

In the Marine Court on Saturday, a boarding house runner was convicted by the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired) on a charge of boarding the s.s. Hong Peng without the permission of the master or an officer of the ship.

The man gave considerable trouble by denying the charge and evidence had to be heard, after which he strenuously denied a previous conviction for a similar offence. The case was accordingly adjourned until to-day for the Police to prove the previous conviction, the accused's bail of \$50 being extended.

When the case was called this morning, Sub-Inspector Vincent, in charge of Police Records, was present in Court and this caused the accused to change his mind and admit the previous conviction without further ado.

His Worship inquired why the accused had denied it on Saturday, and received the surprising excuse that accused had understood that the conviction related to the same ship!

Comdr. Hole: The steamer has nothing to do with it.
Accused was fined \$35.

NO GRAFT IN ITALY.

WEALTHY MERCHANT TO BE BANISHED.

Turin, Saturday.
Signor Riccardo Gualino, until recently one of the richest men in Italy and a pioneer of the artificial silk industry and the possessor of a magnificent art collection, has been sentenced to five years' banishment to Lipari Island on a charge of damaging the nation's finances.

Signor Gualino will now be handed over to the Italian judicial authorities and the French Parliamentary Committee which is enquiring into the affairs of the Oustric Bank with which it is alleged he was connected.—Reuter.

SHIP GROUNDS IN WEST RIVER.

Passengers Taken Off by Another Steamer.

ATTEMPTED REFLOATING.

News reached Hong Kong last night of the grounding of the s.s. Kochow in the West River yesterday afternoon.

The mishap is understood to have occurred in the Kam Chuk rapids, at a point about five miles below Shamshui, and near Campbell Island.

It was learned also that the s.s. Anjou (Captain Wm. Wilson), the local agents for which are Messrs. Kwei Lin & Co., arrived on the scene soon after the stranding and took off the Kochow's passengers and brought them down to Hong Kong, arriving here at 7 o'clock last night.

The Kochow left Hong Kong for Wuchow on January 21, and was on the return trip to Hong Kong when she went aground.

It is understood that an attempt was made at 5 o'clock this morning to get the Kochow off, but with what result is not yet known. The ship is pretty high off the water, but, as far as can be gathered, is not holed.

It is a common occurrence at this time of the year for ships to go aground in the West River which is low on account of the dry season.

The Kochow (Captain Morgan), which is owned by the Tai Hong S.S. Co., Ltd., of Hong Kong, has a tonnage of 557 (350 net). She was built in Hong Kong in 1915 by the Kwong Tai Cheong shipyard, and flies the British flag, having been registered here.

The dimensions of the Kochow are:—Length 150.4; breadth 25.0; depth 9.6.

It will be recalled that the Kochow ran ashore, also in the West River, last year, and was subsequently taken back to Wuchow.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

LANCE SERGT COMMENDED.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

General.
Revolver Practice. There will be no revolver practice at the Kennedy Road Range on Wednesday.

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company, and of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part 2 of Training Course should attend.

Squad Drill.

All recruits of the Chinese Company, and of the Flying Squad, will attend at Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday at 5.30 p.m. under L/Sgt. R333 A. W. Mooney.

Chinese Company.

Commendation.—Lance Sergeant R333 Tso Chi-on, of the Chinese Company, is commended by the Hon. I.G.F. for zeal and alertness on December 21 in arresting Wong Sing, who was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour for larceny.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place to-morrow. Fall in at Tsim-sha-tui Fire Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

The final instructional patrol of the month of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday and all members should take part. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Rifle Club.—The Rifle Club will hold a miniature range practice on Thursday at 5.15 p.m.

Rifle Practice.—A Company shoot will be held on the Stonecutters Range on Sunday. A launch will leave the Police Pier, Kowloon, at 2 p.m. Uniform optional.

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TREE PLANTING ON DARTMOOR.

Objections to Big Scheme.

SPOILING GRANDEUR.

Considerable misgivings are being felt in the West of England as a result of the recent decision of the Duchy of Cornwall to lease 5,000 acres of Dartmoor to the Forestry Commission for plantation purposes; 1,323 acres have already been handed over to the care of the Commission.

The afforestation of the portion which comprises Belliver and Laughter marks a further break with the pastoral character of Dartmoor. Devon men have always enjoyed certain rights of pasturage, which were confirmed by King John in 1204; these have been of the utmost importance in an agricultural and stock-raising country.

The enclosure of certain portions of land, which is believed by some to have been carried out at the expense of commoners' rights, dates from the end of the Eighteenth Century; it continued until, by the close of last century nearly 22,000 acres were enclosed. Thus, much of the best grazing land was devoted to tillage, and thousands of Dartmoor ponies died from want of the sheltered combs, from which they were excluded by the enclosures.

Of recent years, such leases as have not expired have been acquired by the Duchy of Cornwall; and on the reclaimed land both agriculture and afforestation have been attempted. It is generally believed that afforestation has not been a success. Both at Beardon and Fernworthy sheltered rough pastures have been sacrificed for planting.

A further stage has now been reached by the leasing of the land mentioned to the Forestry Commission. It is believed in many quarters that this will prove a costly experiment at the expense of the taxpayer. Before the War a series of plantations were made at Brimptis, in a favourable situation as could be found on Dartmoor. These should now be mature; but on the higher ground the average yield per tree is only two lengths of nine feet each.

Primitive Moorland.

A suggestion is being made that Dartmoor should be acquired as a National Park. No place in Britain preserves primitive conditions so faithfully; no area combines to better effect historical interest with grandeur of moorland scenery. Any scheme of afforestation, such as is now being undertaken, would deprive the Moor of much of its primitive beauty, and would inevitably lead to severe restrictions of public access.

An official of the Forestry Commission admitted that the proposed afforestation had given rise to heated controversy.

"It would not be correct," he added, "to say that previous attempts at plantation on Dartmoor have been a failure. A fairly recent report stated that plantations are on the whole quite promising and growth was as good as was expected." The question of the conversion of Dartmoor into a National Park is at present sub judice. The National Park Committee is still sitting, but I understand that its report will be published before long. Nothing that is being done by us would interfere with the adaptation of Dartmoor as a National Park.

"The leasing of the area in question by the Duchy of Cornwall to the Forestry Commission is nothing very remarkable. The Duchy is, in a certain sense, almost a Government Department; all that the recent negotiations amount to is that, instead of supervising the plantations itself, the Duchy has transferred the duty to another department."

NAVY PROMOTION ORDER.

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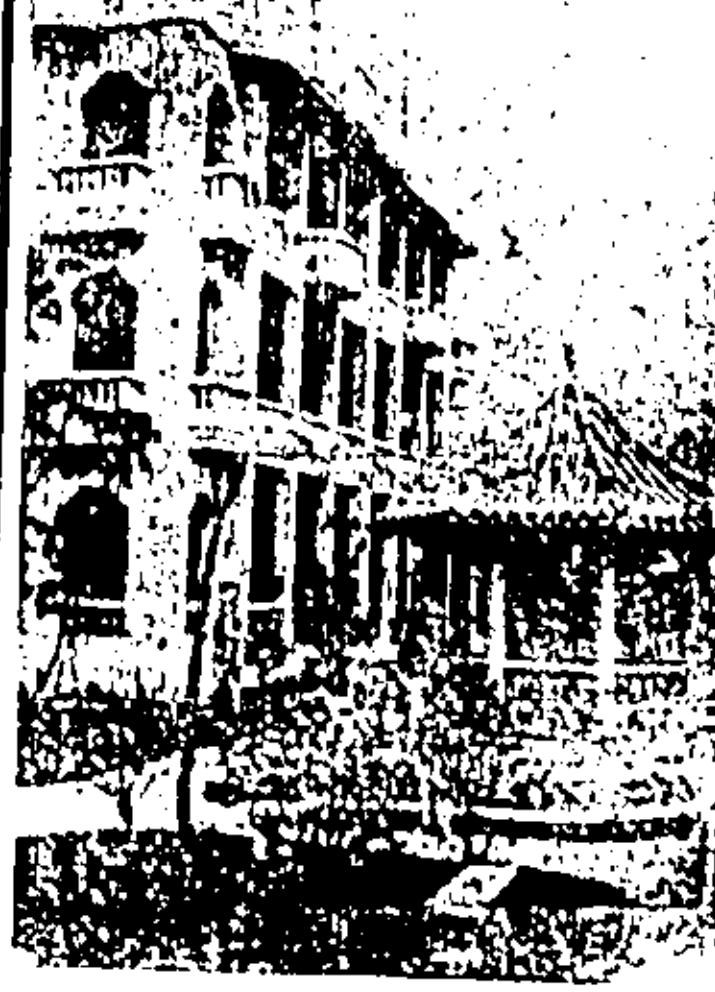
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WATER RETURN.

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City and Hill District.			
	1930	1931	
Tytam	130.0	23.8	B
Tytam Byewash	19.5	21.4	B
Tytam Intermediate	0.7	0.2	B
Tytam Tuk	13.1	17.1	B
Wong Nei Chung	19.1	17.8	B
Pokfulum	10.1	17.1	B
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow"]			
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.			
	1930	1931	
Tytam	235.30	212.98	
Tytam Byewash	3.83	2.18	
Tytam Intermediate	192.05	194.03	
Tytam Tuk	757.42	1,035.33	
Wong Nei Chung	10.55	11.05	
Pokfulum	42.38	29.94	
Total	1,301.93	1,487.04	

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1929	1930
Consumption	210.64	278.89
Estimated population	438,580	448,900
Consumption per head per day	15.5	10.9
December, 1929.—During the whole month a 12 hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main Districts. Principal Mains closed (6 p.m.—6 a.m.).		
December, 1930.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level districts during the whole month with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where a constant street fountain supply was operated from December 1 to 31, 1930.		

Kowloon.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	0' 2" A	2' 10" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	9' 11" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir	1' 8" B	1' 8" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	354.24	823.50
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	70.28	111.87
Reception Reservoir	28.75	28.75
Total	453.27	964.12

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1929	1930
Consumption	116.33	138.38
Estimated population	173,280	178,800
Consumption per head per day	21.7	25.0
Constant supply in all districts during December, 1929 and 1930.		
The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.		
Total rainfall: December 31, 1929, 59.28; December 31, 1930, 95.09.		

BURNS THE POET.

ELOQUENT SPEECH BY PROF.
ROBERTSON.

"THE IMMORTAL MEMORY."

"The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns" was toasted in eloquent terms by Professor R. Robertson at the annual "Burns Night" dinner, held at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, on Saturday. The speaker referred in graphic manner to Burns' gradual awakening to the fact that he was destined to be a nation's poet, to his subsequent experiences in Edinburgh, amongst the highest Society of the day, and to his ultimate return to that beloved countryside whence he came.

The Chieftain of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, was in the chair, and introduced Professor Robertson to the gathering. Following the "Immortal Memory," the toast of "The Lassies" was proposed by Dr. J. W. Anderson in a witty little speech. Mr. W. L. Handyside replying "on behalf of the fairer sex," in eminently suitable manner.

Mere Sassenachs took very little part in the affair, although Mr. George Grimble was granted a special dispensation, and became a Scotsman for the evening, which privilege it is understood he claims twice yearly.

Previous to the principal toast of the evening, the haggis was piped in with all due ceremony, Pipe-Major Mackie leading the way.

After the Scotch Broth, Herrin' and Tatties, Haggis, Roast Mutton and Bashed Tatties had been efficiently dealt with, the Chieftain called upon Professor Robertson to propose the "Immortal Memory."

Professor Robertson, proposing "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns" said his unwary response was due to the deep cunning of Mr. Shaw in choosing to mention the matter to him on the morning succeeding Hogmanay (laughter). That was a morning in which the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" were still ringing in a Scotsman's ear. He should have been doubly cautious, as a year ago a colleague at the University had stood there in a similar capacity. It might be thought there was a deep-laid scheme afoot to introduce the cold and dry atmosphere of the lecture room into the mild and genial humidity of these annual gatherings. But even professors were human; and in the light of Burns' verse their academic trappings fell from them.

Burns the Man.
The Scottish people were right—ly suspicious of all academic attempts to measure Burns the man. Literary critics were silenced by the sheer intensity of the human temperament as displayed in his works. It was the ordinary man, with all his impulses and failings and ambitions and self-questionings, who could best understand Burns.

A gathering such as this would perhaps have seemed strange to Burns, but he would soon have accustomed himself to it. He would not have been long in making himself the leader of the assembly, in fact. He would have welcomed the haggis, no doubt, and would have hailed the Scots drink, about which he wrote in so effective a strain that it seems churlish to refuse another glass (laughter and applause). But what he would have welcomed above all would be the good fellowship that characterised the gathering. And he would have viewed with great equanimity the idea of a Professor proposing his health. His attitude, to education, to say the least, was ambiguous (laughter), but no doubt he would have found an excuse even for a Professor of Economics, such were the failings of human nature (more laughter).

Intense Living.
Everything that Burns did was done intensely. And the best of what he did came white-hot from the fire of his experience. He was not a contemplative poet; no poetry had ever smelled less of the lamp. There was not in his best work any taint of insincerity, any infusion of the artificial. His frankness made his poetry his best biography, and when he spoke of himself, he spoke out. There was no self-deception; he was, in truth, a realist.

"Oh, wad some power the giftie give us,
To see ourselves as others see us."

He did not need to address these words to himself. He had no illusions about himself, and it was this characteristic that made his work appeal to all men.

The Poet's Life.
The speaker went on to trace the different phases in the poet's life, beginning with his gradual realisation, in his native village, that he was a poet born to express in deathless verse the essentials of human existence. Later he was in contact with the highest in the

land, in Edinburgh. But he would never have been satisfied by permanent association with literary Edinburgh of that day. So he left, returning to the land, only to find as before that it gave a poor return for a man's labours.

Lived "With Gusto."
Burns lived his life with gusto. "Life called to him," said Raleigh, "and he listened." Edinburgh chilled him, perhaps, but it could not freeze out the vitality that was in him. He died at 37, but he had crowded into that short span a full and varied life. He could be said to have thrown himself at life, recking nothing of the consequences.

"The mair they talk, I'm kent the better,
E'en let them clash."

Raised through the force of his genius, Burns, born and bred a peasant, saw more of life than is permitted to most peasants. His poetry ranged over a wider field than if he had been merely a "ploughman poet." But it was true that some of his best work was that in which he interpreted the lives and manners of the Scottish peasantry.

Burns And The Kirk.
Burns would not have been a true Scot if he had not been a theological disputer. The manner of his life was bound to bring him into conflict with the Scottish Kirk as it then existed. But he did not war with religion or the Kirk, only with hypocrisy, and the self-righteousness of the unco' guid. The influence of his work had done much to remove the hard, unbending rigour which was characteristic of Scotland in the 18th Century (Applause).

Saved Lowland Scottish.
In addition, Burns, by his work, had really saved what little Lowland Scottish that was retained to-day. "If it had not been for the homage which Scots pay to their poet, I doubt if Lowland Scottish would have been known to-day," added the speaker. (Applause).

Concluding, the speaker said "The hardened free liver will find no text in Burns to support the silence of his conscience. We are not made worse by reading Burns; we are more likely to be made better men. I give you the immortal memory of Robert Burns." (Loud Applause).

"THE LASSIES."
Dr. J. W. Anderson, proposing the toast of "The Lassies" said:—
Chieftain Shaw and Gentlemen,—It is my privilege to-night to propose the toast of "The Lassies." Better words of praise than mine might have been found but a request from our good friend Mr. Bryden is hard to evade and so here I stand.

I feel like Burns that to do justice to such a theme
"I wad in vain essay the strain"
The deed too daring brave is" especially as we have just listened to a most eloquent discourse from the lips of Prof. Robertson.

A Mistaken Impression.
The relations of our National Bard with the Lassies were many and varied. It is customary for those who seek to deny Robert Burns to point out that his private life was not all that it might have been, and that many of his love songs drew their inspiration from women of rather doubtful character.

Many people cannot see the wood for the trees and it is by taking the long view that we get Burns and his life in proper perspective. As his friend and admirer Mrs. Riddell said: "It is only on the gem that we are disturbed to see the dust; the pebble may be soiled but we disregard it."

The Modern Gallant.
I would ask you one question—Are there any of our modern gallants who can produce songs to their ladies with even a fraction of the spontaneity of Burns?

Are they in the habit of walking ten or twenty miles at night to keep a tryst? As he and his cronies did?

No, they take a car to Repulse Bay and dance to the strains of alien music to which no better verse can be found than lines beginning "My baby's a Wow." (Laughter.)

Beautiful Tributes.
What more beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman can we have than these lines in his Elegy on Miss Burnet:—
"Thy form and mind, sweet maid, can I forget
In richest ore the brightest jewel set."

In thee, High Heaven above was truly shown
As by His noblest work "the Godhead best is known."

One who loved with such intensity could not but meet with disappointments and rebuffs. Fickleness he had his full share of but he was never bitter—
"Whae'er ye be that women love
To this be never blind
Nae ferlie 'tis though fickle she prove
A woman has't by kind
O woman, lovely woman fair
An angel form's fa'n to thy share
Twad been o'er meikle to gien thee wair
I mean an angel mind."

That was about as hard as Burns ever was on the lassies, and after all their so-called fickleness 'tis but an added charm and to him it was but a spur to further conquests.

Inimitable Picture.
He has given us an inimitable picture of the country lassies of his day—of their industry, their misfortunes and their undaunted cheerfulness. They in their day had not the advantages of their present-day daughters—they had not the opportunities of travel to broaden their minds and enrich their leisure—their noses were always to the grindstone.

Facilities for education were few and expensive but nevertheless these women were imbued with the native strength of character and cheerfulness in face of difficulties which is the heritage and characteristic of the lassies of our race. (Applause).

In Edinburgh.
Of the women of Edinburgh, Burns is equally descriptive and enthusiastic. The eighteenth century saw our capital city a literary centre of considerable importance and credit for its encouragement is due in large part to these gifted ladies in whose drawing rooms Burns was received and lionised, and whom he has immortalised in his verse.

A Faithful Picture.
No other poet has dealt with the Lassies so faithfully or extolled their virtues in a truer manner than Burns. Sentimental he may be, but never sloppy.
As he said to Clarinda
"What is life when wanting love?
Night without a morning
Love's the cloudless summer sun
Nature gay adorning."
And again:—
Auld Nature swears the lovely dears
Her noblest work she classes, O.

Her 'prentice hand she tried on man
And then she made the Lassies O.
Gentlemen I give you the lassies The Mothers who bore us The Lassies we love.

Burns and the Fair Sex.
The pipers, led by Pipe-Major Mackie, then paraded round the room, amidst great enthusiasm, after which Mr. W. L. Handyside, in a humorous speech, responded on behalf of "The Lassies." The speaker dealt in amusing manner with the poet's fondness for the fair sex. But he added, it had not been generally realised that the lassies admired Burns primarily because he was a man's man, which quality was an attraction to all the lassies.

Burns, the poet, recked little of the new science of psychology, which in point of fact, was as old as the hills. We were told now that we must suppress ourselves. Burns, on the contrary, always sought to express himself. Although Burns might have been blamed for his "varied association" with the lassies, the speaker had never at any time heard of the lassies being blamed for their association with him. "That," said the speaker, "says a great deal for Rabbie Burns."

An entertaining musical programme followed, Messrs. MacLeod and Anderson responding freely to numerous encores. Mr. Grimble was a sympathetic accompanist. The gathering concluded on a note of sustained cordiality.

LESSON SERMON.
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONG KONG.
"Truth" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 25.

The Golden Text was:—"O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth." (Isaiah 25; 1.)

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible:—"And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived." (1 Kings 17; 17 and 22.)

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who understands all things, man knows that with God all things are possible. The only way to this living Truth, which heals the sick, is found in the Science of divine Mind as taught and demonstrated by Christ Jesus." (p. 180.)

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SIX ADVENTURERS.

STOWAWAYS WHO WON A MAGISTRATE'S HEART.

Six young stowaways reached the end of their adventure at Thames Police Court one day last month. Rosy-faced, tousle-headed Liverpool boys, they had found no work in their own town, and, being friends, had each made a small parcel of his worldly goods and crept down to the dock on the night of October 29, determined to seek a fortune in Canada.

They slipped on board the steamship Doric Star, a fruit boat Vancouver bound, and hidden with their bundles in the coal bunkers, they were a day and a night at sea before the crew discovered them.

The captain wirelessly the steamship Viking homeward bound with a cargo of apples and dried fruits. Both ships slightly altered course, and came alongside in the Caribbean Sea. The boys—George, Gerald, Martin, William, Philip, and fifteen-year-old Joseph—were transferred to the homegoing vessel and arrested at London Docks.

They were remanded at Thames Police Court while inquiries were made in Liverpool, and then had their first taste of the cells. The goner became their friend.

"Game little beggars," said the policemen at the Thames Court. The boys, with combed hair and well-soaped faces, faced a magistrate who tried in vain to conceal his sympathy. There was not room for all of them in the dock, and young Joseph had to stand down.

Good characters and anxious parents were reported from Liverpool. The magistrate laid aside his transparent sternness.

"I admire you for trying to get to Canada to find work," he said, "but if you had got there you would not have been allowed to land. I am not going to punish you. I am going to send you all back home."

The stowaways looked at the magistrate and the magistrate looked at the stowaways. Suddenly they all grinned.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—North wall.
Cornflower—In dock.
Cumberland—North arm.
Herald—South wall.
Iroquois—North wall.
Osiris—In dock.
Oswald—In dock.
Sandwich—No. 13 buoy.
Sepoy—No. 10 buoy.
Seraph—East wall.
Seraph—North wall.
Sirdar—No. 12 buoy.
Somme—No. 7 buoy.
Sterling—No. 8 buoy.
Stormcloud—No. 7 buoy.
Thracian—No. 8 buoy.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Adamaster—Portuguese cruiser.
Helona—American gunboat.
Mindanao—American gunboat.

SHIPPING MOVEMENT AT U.K. PORTS.

Decline in British and U.S. Departures. IN GERMAN ARRIVALS.

The net tonnage of vessels that arrived with cargoes in the foreign trade during October, 1930, at ports of the United Kingdom was 6,928,000 tons, a decrease of 253,000 tons, or 3.5 per cent, as compared with the corresponding total for October, 1929. Considerable increases were recorded in the arrivals with cargo from Central and Eastern Mediterranean countries and from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of North America, while large decreases were recorded in respect of several areas, notably in the case of North Europe, Europe (Atlantic), East Africa, Persian Gulf, India, and South America, Atlantic coast.

With regard to the nationalities concerned, there was an increase in German net tonnage of 104,000 tons, or 57.5 per cent, and a decrease of 352,000 tons, or 7.3 per cent, in British vessels. Other large decreases were: United States, 99,000 tons (19.9 per cent.), and French, 33,000 tons (15.2 per cent.). Only 65 per cent. of the net tonnage of the arrivals with cargo was British, as compared with 68 per cent. in October, 1929.

The net tonnage of vessels that arrived in ballast during the month was 4,024,000 tons, an increase of 85,000 tons, or 2.2 per cent, as compared with October of the previous year, states The Board of Trade Journal. Increases were recorded in the majority of the principal nationalities, of which the more conspicuous were French, 85,000 tons (45.2 per cent.); Dutch, 64,000 tons (33.3 per cent.); and German, 33,000 tons (9.9 per cent.). British arrivals in ballast decreased by 165,000 tons, or 6.3 per cent. Of the net tonnage of the total arrivals in ballast, 61 per cent. was British, as compared with 67 per cent. in October, 1929. The proportion of British net tonnage that arrived in ballast was 35 per cent. both in October, 1930, and in October, 1929.

Sailings Decrease.

The net tonnage of vessels that departed with cargoes in the foreign trade during October was 6,822,000 tons, a decrease of 501,000 tons, or 6.8 per cent, as compared with October, 1929. Moderately large decreases were recorded in the departures with cargo for Northern Europe, Europe (Atlantic), Australasia, and South America, Atlantic Coast. The few increases were relatively small.

With regard to the nationalities of the vessels engaged, the greater part of the decrease affected the British and United States vessels. The British net tonnage decreased by 472,000 tons, or 9.3 per cent., and that of the United States fell by 38,000 tons, or 17.4 per cent. There were no large increases recorded. Of the net tonnage of the departures with cargo, 68 per cent. was British, as compared with 69 per cent. in October of last year.

The net tonnage of the departures in ballast during October, 1930, aggregated 4,009,000 tons, an increase of 197,000 tons, or 5.2 per cent., as compared with October of the previous year. The German net tonnage increased by 126,000 tons (33.7 per cent.), the French by 81,000 tons (63.4 per cent.), the Norwegian by 49,000 tons (22.6 per cent.), and the Dutch by 29,000 tons (16.5 per cent.).

On the other hand, the British net tonnage decreased by 129,000 tons, or 6.5 per cent. About 55 per cent. of the net tonnage of the total departures in ballast was British, as compared with 62 per cent. in October, 1929. The proportion of the net tonnage of British vessels that departed in ballast was 82 per cent. both in October, 1930, and in October, 1929.

In the coasting trade, the net tonnage of the arrivals and departures with cargo increased by 3.6 per cent. and 1.6 per cent. respectively, as compared with October, 1929, while the net tonnage of the arrivals in ballast increased by 0.8 per cent., and that of the departures in ballast decreased by 2.4 per cent.

CLYDE DUES.

TO BE REDUCED FROM NEW YEAR.

In his review of the year at the annual meeting of the Clyde Lighthouse Trust, Mr. George Sloan, who was re-elected chairman, made special reference to the experimenting at Cumbrae with what was known as a beacon, a talking beacon. This cost a good deal of money, but it had been well spent, and it looked as if the apparatus would become of very great use in the near future.

The plant had been made at their own workshops at Port Glasgow. During the past few months their engineers had been preparing more permanent plant and were carrying out experiments before it was installed. One would hardly realise the importance of this beacon, if it turned out all that it promised and all they expected of it. They could imagine in the case of a vessel making a landfall at one of the lighthouses, possibly after a couple of days dead reckoning, what a help it would be suddenly to hear the human voice with the aid of the gramophone telling the name of the lighthouse, and not only so, but the distance the vessel was from it.

This talking beacon, if it filled their expectations, would become a world-wide institution wherever there was a lighthouse for signal, and he thought they could congratulate their engineers, Messrs. Stevenson, on this wondrous development.

Preparing for New Cunarder.

Continuing, he marked that the building of the new Cunarder involved dredging not only on the part of the Clyde Trust, but on the part of the Lighthouse Trust, who would require to deepen and widen a portion of the channel at the bad bend below Port Glasgow. It was not expected that the launch would be finished before May or, possibly, June, 1932, and it would be quite a year after that before the vessel would be ready to go down the river, so that they had an abundance of time to make preparations and get on with the work. They would watch carefully the building of the ship and like care that their part of the dredging was accomplished and ready for the vessel as soon as she was ready for sea.

Dealing with the accounts, he said the revenue of the Trust for the past year was £20,762, being an increase on the previous year of £901. Expenditure charged to revenue came to £18,039, being an increase on the previous year of £418. This left a surplus of £2,722, which had to be carried to the credit of the revenue reserve fund. With regard to revenue from the shipping income for the past year was £17,019, an increase of £860. Tonnage for the past year was 14,870,533 tons, an increase on the preceding year of 336,911 tons. Glasgow tonnage was up 562,098 tons, but Greenock tonnage was down 238,537 tons.

In the year under review both the tonnage and revenue were the highest recorded in the history of the Trust. Mr. Sloan added that the Committee of Management and Finance had been considering the question of the reduction of the dues. Although they had the prospect of having to spend money upon dredging, that was some time ahead. He moved that the rates be reduced, by granting a further discount of 10 per cent. on the rates at present being levied, which would reduce the rates to 40 per cent. of the maximum authorised by Act of Parliament.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The P. & O. s.s. Malwa left Singapore for this port on January 25 at 10 a.m. with the outward British Mails, and is due here on January 30 at about 6 a.m. The E. & A. s.s. Nellore left Mofl for this port on January 24, p.m., and is due here on January 28, p.m.

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Empress of Russia	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Apr. 4
Empress of Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 7	Apr. 9	Apr. 17
Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 14
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16	May 23
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 28	May 30	June 10
Empress of Asia	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 8
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
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Shantung, British m.s., 6,597 tons, Captain H. W. Borin, from Antwerp, Kowloon Wharf.—Gilman & Co.
Saturday, January 24.
Afrika, Dan. str., 5,469 tons, Capt. E. Himmelstrup, from Singapore, buoy No. A7.—John Manners & Co.
Cheongshing, British str., 1,256 tons, Capt. Burleigh, from Canton, buoy No. C2.—J. M. & Co.
Dorcy, German str., 878 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Hoihow, buoy No. C3.—Chau Yue Teng.
Hakone Maru, Japanese str., 10,170 tons, Capt. Y. Okuno, from London via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Haida, British str., 1,144 tons, Capt. C. Boyce, from Saigon, buoy No. B16.—Wo Fat Sing.
Hinsang, British str., 1,895 tons, Capt. T. Grant, from Sandakan, buoy No. B22.—J. M. & Co.
Hongpeng, British str., 2,525 tons, Capt. H. G. Hay, from Singapore, buoy No. A10.—Ho Thong & Co.
Klungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. Larter, from Canton, Talkoo Dock.—B. & S.
Kwangtung, British str., 1,672 tons, Capt. A. F. Summerfield, from Hoihow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
Linan, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. J. T. J. Layton, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.
New Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. D. Thomas, from Pakhoi, buoy No. C4.—Yick Tai s.s. Co.
Pres. Hayes, American str., 6,195 tons, Capt. M. Ridley, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar s.s. Line.
Sancho Maru, Japanese str., 694 tons, Capt. M. Tague, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.
Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,495 tons, Capt. N. Norvalds, from Keelung, buoy No. B28.—Waltem & Co.
Soochow, British str., 1,694 tons, Capt. P. J. Green, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Tacoma Maru, Japanese str., 3,042 tons, Capt. H. Kanegae, from

Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.
Tai Foo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.
Tetsudan Maru, Japanese str., 1,241 tons, Capt. K. Murakami, from Canton, West Point Wharf.—Wada Jimusho.
Sunday, January 25.
Chung Kong, Chinese str., 447 tons, Capt. Kwok Shau, from Tourane, buoy No. B8.—Yau Lee & Co.
Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. M. Kiethe, from Chinwangtao, Laichikok Anchorage. Dowell & Co.
Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. R. Sanada, from Swatow, O.S.K. Pier.—O.S.K.
Haiching, British str., 1,238 tons, Captain E. Walker, from Fochow, Amoy and Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.
Hangsang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. A. D. Kelman, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.
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Jasho Maru, Japanese str., 1,105 tons, Capt. H. Nakahara, from K. C. Wan, buoy No. C5.—Hop Cheong & Co.
Kalapoi, British str., 1,246 tons, Capt. J. Baldwin, from Tourane, buoy No. C2.—Choo Yick & Co.
Kiangsu, British str., 1,555 tons, Capt. C. P. Miller, from Swatow, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.
Kojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. Y. Nishimoto, from Dairen, Yaumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.
Paling Maru, Japanese str., 1,666 tons, Capt. K. Mineoka, from Swatow, buoy No. C3.—N.Y.K.
Pres. Jackson, American str., 8,377 tons, Capt. John Griffith, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—American Mail Line.
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*KHYBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	—	21st Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	15,619	28th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KARMAIA	9,128	11th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	15,668	25th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KALYAN	9,114	9th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KASHMIR	9,985	6th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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RAWALPINDI	15,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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RAJPUTANA	15,686	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	31st Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
KALYAN	9,114	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	9,985	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RANPURA	15,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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RAWALPINDI	15,619	19th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAJPUTANA	15,686	17th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMAIA	9,128	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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Osaka via Amoy & Kobe	NAMSANG	Fri., 6th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, SUISSANG	—	Wed., 18th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, YUSANG	—	Tues., 3rd Feb. at Noon.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri., 13th Feb. at Noon.
Tsao via S'ow & S'hai	CHONGSANG	Sun., 8th Feb. at 7 a.m.
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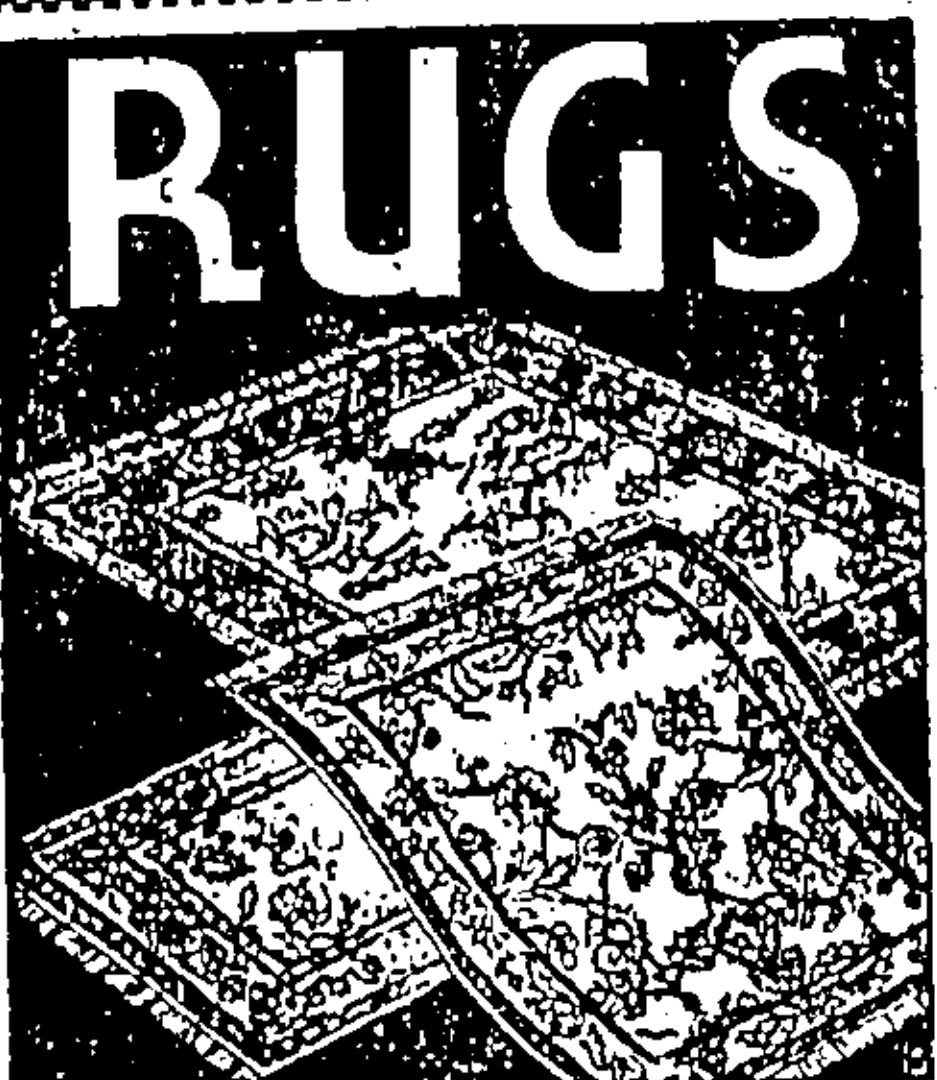
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CURRENCY CRISIS.

It is obvious that the Chinese
leaders are not unanimous in re-
gard to the proposed silver loan
from the United States. The case
against it has been put very
forcibly by Mr. Z. U. Zau, Direc-
tor of the Bureau of Commercial
Intelligence in Shanghai, who
states that "we do not want any-
one to lend us silver, but what we
do want is someone who will help
us to bring back to silver the
value it has lost the last few
years, and especially during the
last twelve months." He suggests
that Great Britain should take
the lead in promoting a "get to-
gether" movement to see what
can be done not only to prevent
the further decline of silver, but
to restore general confidence in
the metal as a basis for inter-
national credit and commerce.

The suggestion naturally has
an appealing interest for this
Colony which, no less than China,
is suffering from the phenom-
enally low level of silver. Unfor-
tunately the position cannot be
restored by the mere waving of a
fairy wand or by the expression
of pious wishes. It is recognised,
however, that any movement in
the direction of the uplift of the
value of silver must be interna-
tional in character, and, not un-
naturally, one's eyes turn toward
the League of Nations which is in
an ideal position to take the
initiative in any "get together"
movement.

In any study of the currency
problem it must strike some ob-
servers as a trifle curious that in
various parts of the British Em-
pire there should be varying
currencies—that Great Britain

and Australia should have the
pound sterling, whilst Canada
and the Eastern Colonies should
have the dollar and India and
Ceylon the rupee. If the pound
sterling is suited to conditions in
Australia why, it has been asked,
should Canada be committed to
dollars and cents? Why the
rupee in India and Ceylon and the
dollar in the Straits Settlements
and Hong Kong? And, again, if
the dollar can be stabilised in
the Straits and the rupee in India
why not also the dollar in Hong
Kong? But—again—why have
the rupee and the dollar at all in British
overseas Possessions? Why not
a uniform currency all over
the Empire without even (as is
the case of the Australian pound)
being subjected to discount as
compared with the British pound?
Experts—those blessed experts—
of course may tell us that the
Straits and Hong Kong have been
wedded to the dollar and Ceylon
and India to the rupee from their
infancy as British Possessions
and that a change to the pound
sterling would now be impossible
—an idle dream! It would, how-
ever, be at least interesting to see
the effect of a serious suggestion
to transform the currency of
Hong Kong into pounds, shillings,
and pence.

Whilst on the subject of cur-
rency and the effect of the low
dollar in this Colony it is most
amazing to find our morning con-
temporary of Ice House Street
going out of its way to advocate
the buying of goods made in
China. The sponsors of the native
goods campaign in Canton and
elsewhere in China have found a
warm supporter in a most un-
expected quarter. We are told the
fairly story that we can purchase
here, "at amazingly low prices,"
Canton made cloth and that local-
ly-made shoes of Chinese leather
cost a quarter of a sixth of the
price of the imported variety, and
that women's silk stockings, "no
whit inferior to the much more
expensive imported article" (ad-
vertised in the morning paper in
question) are being turned out
in Hong Kong and many of the
cities of China. It is to be
hoped that the local representa-
tive of the Federation of British
Industries will take suitable
action to counteract this very un-
British appeal on the part of a
British newspaper to buy Chinese
goods and to reject the British or
other foreign goods. The journal-
istic appeal appears to have
fallen into a dream and imagined
that he was on the staff of a ver-
nacular paper somewhere in the
heart of China instead of in a
British Colony on which he de-
pends for his own bread and
butter.

News in Brief.

For stealing articles and clothing
from No. 865, Canton Road, the
property of three folks, Pun Choi, a
Chinese, was at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy this morning sentenced to six
weeks' imprisonment.

Yuen san-yuen, a female earth
cooler, was yesterday removed to
the Government Civil Hospital
suffering from fractures to both
legs above the ankles. She was
accidentally knocked down by a two
wheeled truck, laden with earth, at
Wanchai.

We record with deep regret the
death, which took place at the
Royal Naval Hospital on Thurs-
day, of Capt. A. K. Schoop, com-
mander of the United States
Naval Patrol of South China.
The body is being taken back to
America for interment.

The Commander-in-Chief, China,
(Admiral Sir A. K. Waistell,
K.C.B.), will return to the Colony
on board H.M.S. Kent, on Wednes-
day, from Manila, on the completion
of the ship's Southern cruise.
H.M.S. Petersfield, the Admiral's
yacht, will accompany the flag-
ship.

The annual general meeting of
members of St. Andrew's Club will
be held in the St. Andrew's Church
Hall at 9 o'clock to-night, when it
is proposed to adopt two new re-
solutions, with regard to Sub-
scriptions and Entrance Fee. All
members are earnestly requested to
attend.

The body of a Chinese man about
40 years of age, dressed in coolie
clothing, was found in a nullah in
Soy Street, off Canton Road, at
about 8 a.m. to-day. A piece of
cloth, thought to be part of a gag,
was in the mouth, but up to time of
going to press no definite suspicion
of murder had been alleged.

"I must put a stop to this," re-
marked the Hon. Comdr. Hole in
the Marine Court this morning
when he imposed a fine of \$75 or
ten weeks' hard labour on a boat
woman for taking six undesirable
women to the S.S. Kalyan in the
harbour on Saturday night. A
similar fine was imposed on a boat
man for a similar offence com-
mitted last night.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

GRETA GARBO IN HER SECOND
TALKIE.

"ROMANCE"

Greta Garbo will make her second
all-talking picture appearance on
Sunday at the Queen's Theatre in
the celebrated Edward Sheldon
drama "Romance," adapted to the
screen by Bess Meredyth and
Edwin Justus Mayer and directed
by Clarence Brown. Gavin Gordon,
a newcomer to motion pictures, will
play opposite the star and the cast
includes Lewis Stone, Elliott
Nugent, Florence Lake, Clara Blau-
dick, Henry Armetta, Mathilde
Comont and Countess de Liguoro.
"Romance" will be recalled as the
outstanding hit on the New York
stage in 1913, where it played to
capacity audiences with Doris
Keane in the starring role. Follow-
ing a tour of the United States,
the play was presented in London
where it ran for three years. It
was subsequently produced in
France, South Africa, Australia,
Italy, the Scandinavian countries,
Holland, Roumania, Greece, Spain,
Germany, Czechoslovakia, the Far
East, Russia and Hungary, and in
1920 was made into a silent motion
picture.

"IT CAN BE DONE"

"It Can Be Done" a Universal
production, is the feature attrac-
tion at the Star Theatre to-
day. The leading players
are Glen Tyron and Sue Carol,
supported by Richard Carlyle,
Richard Carle, Jack Egan and Tom
O'Brien. The film centres round
the attempts of a salesman (Tyron)
to put a story, entitled "It Can Be
Done" to a convention of publish-
ers. How he succeeds is left to be
seen. The programme also in-
cludes a Krazy Kat cartoon, and a
comedy.

A CHINESE PRINCESS.

How She Was Beaten By Child
Emperor.

A beautiful Chinese Princess,
who at the age of three was
betrotted to the then child Em-
peror of China, has just become a
film actress in Paris.
She is Princess Hoang Thi The,
and she says that her ambition is
not to become a famous actress but
to find a husband and found a
family at her home in Indo-China.
"No woman can hope for greater
happiness than that which comes
from being the mother of worthy
children," she said, in an inter-
view.
"I think, too, that a woman must
obey her husband who gives her his
name and places his confidence in

NEW AIR GOODS SERVICE.

Co-operation with the
Railways.

RAPID TRANSIT.

Rapid progress is being made
with plans for making fuller use of
the main air lines, especially in the
carriage of light freight, and soon
it will be possible, by using com-
bined air, sea, and land express ser-
vices, to save much time in the
transport of goods over long dis-
tances.

The first step will be co-opera-
tion between Imperial Airways,
Ltd., and the four big railway com-
panies in Great Britain in for-
warding parcels over all the routes
where aircraft are operating.

Goods sent on this service will be
carried by express train to the
nearest aerodrome and thence by
air as far as possible, and will com-
plete their journey if necessary by
express train.

The saving of time for all places
served, directly or indirectly, by
the India and South Africa air
routes will be very great, often re-
sulting in a reduction by more than
half of the time normally taken.

The new scheme differs from the
air mail services now in operation
in that goods weighing more than
11 lb. are affected. It is an exten-
sion of the scheme proposed last
year by a Canadian Company for
co-operation between shipping, rail
and air companies in the rapid
despatch of goods. This scheme,
which embraces French air trans-
port companies, enables Canadian
exporters to save much time in the
delivery of goods on the Continent.

Misapprehension.

There seems to be some mis-
apprehension as to the negotiations
now in progress between Imperial
Airways and Pan-American air
lines. It is understood that con-
sideration is being given to the
establishment of an Anglo Ameri-
can air line between Bermuda and
New York. There is a great
amount of holiday traffic between
the two places, and it is probable
that a passenger air service plying
over the 700 miles between them
would be popular. But no such
service is possible except by Anglo-
American agreement.

As present the idea of extending
such a line, and making it a Trans-
Atlantic service has only been put
forward tentatively, but there is
little doubt that such a line would
form the first link of an air con-
nection between England and
America.

In the despatch of parcels any
new air line would be brought into
the co-operative air, sea and land
scheme.

It will be recalled that the Bri-
tish Government granted Pan-
American Airways temporary
facilities for the operation of air
services in Trinidad. The aim is
that the agreement with the Ameri-
can Company should last only until
a British Company is ready to
start a line. Pan-American Air-
ways is subsidised by the American
Government through the medium of
air mail contracts.

For the Bermuda-New York ser-
vice half the equipment will be Bri-
tish, for this is one of the condi-
tions laid down by Imperial Air-
ways.

TALK-FILM FOR NAVY.

An Enquiry By The
Admiralty.

The Admiralty is considering
every aspect of talk-film apparatus
with a view to its use in ships of
the Navy.

At present big ships are equipped
with silent projecting apparatus,
maintained by the canteen funds.
All questions as to apparatus and
the types of film used, therefore,
have hitherto been a domestic mat-
ter for the individual ship.

The Admiralty, however, has
realised that talk-film apparatus
may be much more costly both to
buy and to maintain as compared
with the present apparatus, so a
complete investigation is being
made.

A Committee of the Admiralty
has obtained information as to cost
of machinery from the different
firms engaged in its manufacture in
Britain and America. Tests are
being made to ascertain which
equipment gives the best results in
the particular conditions ruling on
board ship. Questions of "hire
purchase," maintenance, film pur-
chase and hire, and every other
aspect of the use of talk-films are
being considered.

The Committee, when it has ar-
rived at its conclusions, will make
recommendations which will be
sent to Commanders-in-Chief for
their comment.

"The Princess's" film debut is in
Mr. Somerset Maugham's play "The
Letter."

Referring to her engagement to
the Emperor, Princess Hoang Thi
said they only met once and that
was a royal battle in which he beat
her in the most plebian fashion.
He was only five years old at the
time.

A PROCESSION OF NOUGHTS.

Figures That Lose
Meaning.

SUN'S PULL ON THE EARTH.

London, Dec. 16.

The sun gives out a light equal
to that of 3,000,000,000,000,000,
000,000,000,000 candles. Yes, the
nine sets of three noughts are
correct.

The weight of the earth is 6,000,
000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (six
billion trillion) tons.

These are some of the facts
given about the universe by Sir
James Jeans, the astronomer and
Cambridge professor, during a
radio lecture.

If it were not for the pull of the
sun on the earth, according to Prof.
Jeans, the earth's speed of about
19 miles a second would soon carry
it far away from the sun into the
cold depths of space, and we
should meet an icy death within
a few weeks.

Sir James said the sun's weight
can be calculated from its pull on
the earth. The sun has 332,000
times the weight of the earth and
for every ounce of the earth's sub-
stance the sun has very nearly a
ton. Because the sun has this huge
weight its gravitational pull is
tremendous.

Speaking of the weight and
gravitation, he said, "A strong
man who lived on the sun would
only be able to throw a ball for
two or three yards, and would
hardly be able to lift a seven pound
weight."

"To perform either of these feats
he would have to be made of steel;
a man of ordinary flesh and blood
would be crushed flat under his own
weight."

Sun Growing Smaller.

Some astronomers contend that
the sun is now contracting. The
present diameter is nearly a mil-
lion miles. Because of its size and
distance, the earth receives less
than two-thousand-millionth part
of the whole radiation of the sun.

Long study of the sun has con-
vinced some scientists that the
energy which the sun pours into
space is so colossal that only one-
hundred-twenty-millionth is in-
tercepted by the discs of the
planets.

The body of the sun probably
consists of uncombined gases and
at the surface the temperature is
some 2,000 degrees C. above the
boiling point of carbon. Pictures
taken of the sun by Mount Wilson
Observatory, Pasadena, and now
on display at the Science Museum,
South Kensington, show a mottled
appearance on which small bril-
liant patches are scattered. Black
spots and brilliant streaks are also
evident in great numbers. Pictures
of Mercury, the nearest planet to
the sun, are also on display.

The sun's nearest neighbour,
however, in Centauri which is
separated from it by 27,000 times
the earth's distance, a space which
it would take light nearly four
years to traverse. It is fairly cer-
tain not more than six stars lie
within twice this distance.

Sir James mentioned that there
is a colony of four stars believed
to have a total weight equal to
nearly 1,000 suns.

The most unwelcome star as far
as this earth is concerned would be
S. Doradus, which is reputed to
have over 800,000 times the candle
power of our sun. "If our sun,"
said Jeans "suddenly became as
energetic as this star its extreme
heat would rapidly turn the whole
earth and all objects on it, includ-
ing ourselves, into vapour.—United
Press.

THE NEW SCARVES.

The new scarves are a feature
of these Idaho creations, some
being shaped to the neck and arms
and thrown across the front of the
dress, the ends falling at the back.
Some of the scarves are short; in
one long scarf the ends touch the
ground, where large cut-out
flowers are applied.

Long frocks have created a new
problem for the chorus. Those
taking part in the singing, which
is particularly fine, will wear the
fashionable trains, but the dancers
have had to have the new line of
the long frocks abbreviated for
them, a very difficult matter.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
January 26, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/10
3/16.

The N.C.D. Mail understands
that Mr. Charles R. Crane, the U.S.
Minister to Peking, has donated
\$100,000 to the new project which
aims at the erection of three
Y.M.C.A. Clubs in Shanghai. Mr.
George A. Finch, the general secre-
tary of the Y.M.C.A. in China, has
just returned from a visit to Peking
in connection with the proposed
scheme, and it is understood that ar-
rangements are now under way.

AMERICAN FAMILY CIRCLE.

Relations of U.S. with Latin America.

Washington, Dec. 24. The United States Government during 1930 gave frequent indications of its desire to enjoy the good will of the Latin American republics and to avoid any unwarranted interference in their affairs.

Although nearly one half of the American republics underwent severe political or economic crisis as the result of depressed world markets for agriculture and mineral products, the United States in every case carefully avoided political involvement in the international affairs of any other country.

The outstanding feature of United States international policy during the year was the prompt recognition of de facto governments which could give assurance of their ability and determination to fulfil international obligations. This policy was generally regarded by Latin American peoples as an indication that this country was not employing its right of recognition as an instrument of coercion.

President Hoover's use of the arms embargo, authorized by act of Congress, to the advantage of the federal regime during the Brazilian revolution, was perhaps the most controversial feature of United States policy toward Latin America during the year. Some international observers felt that the employment of such an embargo is inconsistent with the trend of policy toward non-interference.

In the economic sphere, the year was marked by a rapid decline in volume of United States loans to Latin American countries, and by falling import and export trade.

New Tariff.

The United States tariff law provoked some dissatisfaction in Latin American countries, and occasioned readjustments in trade. As the year ended, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, and Argentina were re-



He: "Can I throw you a kiss?"
She: "Don't be lazy!"
Smith's Weekly, Sydney.

ported to be studying various phases of their own tariff laws with a view to revision. No country openly challenged the principle that tariff legislation is a matter of domestic and not international policy.

Extraordinary depression in prices of basic commodities during the year gave an increasing international importance to the United States anti-trust laws. International agreements looking to the stabilisation of sugar, petroleum curtailment of production were retarded in realisation through uncertainty as to their legal consequences in this country.

United States relations with particular Latin American countries of special interest during 1930 were as follows:
President Hoover sent a special mission to Haiti and subsequently made effective its recommendations, the chief purport of which was to restore legislative Government and to assure the constitutional election of a new president.

Hands Off.
The United States kept hands off during a Dominican Republic political turnover early in the year, and American relief organisations aided in hurricane relief during the Summer. The White House sent a special embassy to ascertain whether the situation required prompt action in international affairs.

The United States Government promptly recognised the de facto Governments following revolutions in Argentina, Peru, and Bolivia, asserting that it acted promptly "in order that in the present economic situation our delay may not embarrass the people of these friendly countries in re-establishing their normal intercourse with the rest of the world."

Official Washington warmly entertained President Elect Julio Prates when he returned the good will visit of President Hoover to Brazil. When a revolution broke out in Brazil, the United States proclaimed an arms embargo, disadvantageous to the revolutionists, and sent a cruiser to bring home any Americans that might wish to leave.

Upon the success of the Brazilian revolution, the United States quickly recognised the de facto Government of General Getulio

BRITISH RULE IN INDIA.

Strange Misconceptions in Japan.

In Japan, the most extraordinary misconceptions regarding British rule in India are rife, while false assertions circulate freely and gain ready credence, writes the Tokyo correspondent of the Morning Post.

Recently, for example, one of the leading papers in Tokyo has strongly censured the British Government for "refusing" to let any Indian Congressmen attend the Round-Table Conference, while another, though less reputable, journal editorially asserted that "British soldiers are ruthlessly shooting down defenceless Indian crowds without mercy."

To imagine from this that Japan, as a nation, is strongly partisan with regard to the Indian Nationalist movement would be to labour under a misapprehension. The bulk of the people are probably but little interested in the rights and the wrongs of the question, and few, even of the many who are misled into the belief that British rule in India is tyrannical personified, are more than passively sympathetic with the alleged wrongs inflicted on Gandhi and his followers.

The Japanese Example.
As for the Japanese official class, their attitude is best summed up in the words of a well-known Japanese statesman, who in the course of a recent talk I had with him on the subject of the present situation in India, remarked: "Our main concern in the matter is to watch the reaction on Korea and Formosa, and to try and learn from the way you British handle the situation in India how 'best' to deal with our own problems in our overseas possessions."

Faced as they are with somewhat similar problems in Korea and Formosa, Japanese officials are naturally disinclined to censure British rule in India. Rather are they appreciative of the difficulties which the British administrators have to contend, and are inclined, therefore, to sympathise with them in their trials and tribulations instead of condemning their actions.

At the same time, there is a small but active group of Japanese who are openly sympathetic with the Indian extremists and ready to believe any calumny directed against the British Raj. These men lend themselves readily to the machinations of the little group of Indian malcontents living in Japan, and are generally to be found in the ranks of the Black Dragon Society and other similar reactionary organisations. These are the same men who, a few years ago, joined in the abortive Pan-Asiatic movement.

Indian Agitators.
It is interesting, therefore, to note that the headquarters of the Pan-Asiatic League, which appears to consist of four or five Japanese, two Indians, and a Chinese, recently issued a circular concerning the arrest of some Indians in the small French settlement of Chandernagor, above Calcutta. According to this pamphlet, "India is at war with Britain" (sic). The French authorities, it is declared, ought not therefore to have permitted the extradition of the arrested men, but should have treated them as soldiers and interned them.

The Japanese Government has always been inclined to frown on this league. Nevertheless, its pronouncements find their way into the columns of the Japanese Press from time to time, as also do the hysterical ravings of Indian political agitators, who have fled to Japan to escape justice. As nothing is ever done to correct the gross misrepresentations of British rule made by them therein, it is hardly surprising that the Japanese reading public come to believe that Gandhi's characterisation of the British Raj as "Satanic" is justified.

Vargas, and there appeared to have been no impairment of the traditional cordiality between the United States and Brazil.

Nicaraguan Canal.
During the year inconclusive conversations were held concerning a treaty to govern relations between the Canal Zone and the Republic of Panama; United States army engineers pressed the survey of the Nicaraguan Canal project; and the United States avoided intervention in Cuba under authority of the Platt Amendment, desired by some Cuban political elements.

United States and Mexico relations continued to reflect the good will engendered by the embassy of Mr. Dwight W. Morrow, who became United States Senator in December. He was succeeded by Ambassador J. Reuben Clark as Ambassador to Mexico.

Economic relations between the two countries were depressed by low prices of Mexican silver, petroleum, and other commodities. Mexico's increasingly adverse trade balance caused concern to Mexican officials, and early changes in Mexican tariff laws were expected.

IS MALAYA RUMBLING?

Mr. Roland Braddell's Rotary Speech.

In a leading article upon Mr. Braddell's Rotary speech, the Malay Mail makes the following reference to "ominous rumblings."

"It is impossible within the limits of a single leading article to deal even briefly with all of the points raised even in the few excerpts from Mr. Braddell's speech that we have reproduced, and we propose therefore to comment upon them later on. For the day, let us first consider the 'ominous rumblings' in the Federated Malay States. Does Mr. Braddell refer to the prosecutions of a few irresponsible Communists and politically amorphous malcontents which have taken place within the past two years, or to the outpourings that have appeared in certain news sheets? It may be that he has more concrete evidence of 'popular discontent' than he would deem it polite to publish. For the manifestations to which we have referred afford a singularly deceptive 'indication' of the true state of public opinion. Neither he nor his followers must forget that this is a Malay country, and that the views of Their Highnesses the Rulers and their subjects must always take precedence over those of Europeans, Chinese and other aliens. The Straits Settlements are British territory; but the Malay States are not, and any aspirations towards administrative and electoral reform which may be cherished by residents within their borders must ever be definitely subordinated to the requirements of the present Treaties, unless or until Their Highnesses, and their subjects through them, consent to the revision of those solemn and invariably honoured covenants. We have yet to hear even a whisper of political or social discontent among the Malays, unless it be in regard to having their sons in British schools at an early age instead of having to keep them in Malay schools during the most impressionable period of their childhood. There may be also a latent element of fear that races other than their own or the British may, in what they would consider to be an evil day, secure an even larger measure of control over public affairs than is the case at present. To a man the Malays observe their traditional and splendidly sincere loyalty to their rulers, and it is a matter of common knowledge that Their Highnesses are satisfied with the wisely cautious and considered efforts which are being made under the existing system of administration to secure further progressive improvement in conditions within their own States.

Meeting.
February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Offices, 12.30 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions.
To-morrow—At 178, The Peak, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday—At the Industrial Commercial Bank, Queen's Road Central, office furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
Wednesday—Lecture at Helena May Institute, Kowloon.

Wednesday—Munsang College prize distribution, Kowloon City, 3 p.m.

Thursday—Ellis Kadoorie School prize distribution, 10.30 a.m.

February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.

February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

Entertainments.
To-night—Theatre Royal, "Westminster Glee Singers."

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Call of the Flesh."

To-day—Central Theatre, "Mamba."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "His First Command."

To-day—World Theatre, "Love and Duty" (Chinese drama).

To-day—Star Theatre, "It Can Be Done."

Home Malls.
To-day—Inward from America and ports (Empress of Asia and President Taft); Outward for Europe via San Francisco, 5 p.m., and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (President Jackson).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Khiva), 10.30 a.m.

Sports.
See Diary on page 12.

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Wednesday—At the Industrial Commercial Bank, Queen's Road Central, office furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
Wednesday—Lecture at Helena May Institute, Kowloon.

Wednesday—Munsang College prize distribution, Kowloon City, 3 p.m.

Thursday—Ellis Kadoorie School prize distribution, 10.30 a.m.

February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.

February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

INDIAN COTTON TRADE.

Bombay to Lose Its Futures Market.

Bombay, Dec. 4.

News has been received in Bombay, that the Cotton Association in Liverpool have decided to start a Futures Contract Market for trading in Indian cotton. Trading will begin on February 2.

The following styles will be tenderable against the new contract, the first having been selected as a basis:—Central Provinces saw-ginned; Punjab-Surat (surtees); Cambodia; Karanguni; Broach and Rangoon. The Liverpool move is the direct outcome of the disorganisation of the cotton trade in Bombay, following repeated hartals. During the last eight months the cotton market here remained closed for no less than 65 working days. A large portion of the future business in cotton hitherto done in Bombay will now be transferred to Liverpool. Cotton brokers in Bombay stand to lose heavily as the result of this move.

What "Hartals" Have Done.

It has taken years of thought and toil to make the Bombay Cotton Futures Market what it was. Until the civil disobedience campaign began, the Bombay Market had attained world-wide importance and was being used freely, not only by the people in Bombay and other parts of India, but also by cotton dealers in Britain, the Continent, the United States, China and Japan. The events of the past eight months have shaken the faith of the majority of these dealers, for a Futures Market, to be of any use to the trading community, must be broad and always available for trading.

During the last eight months the Bombay Market has been closed on no fewer than 65 days, when it ought to have been open. In addition it is much narrower than it used to be. As a world market it has ceased to exist.

It is difficult to understand the mentality of those who have been responsible for the indiscriminate closings. Now that another crop is being marketed, the people who are the greatest losers are the poor ryots, who, after months of toil in their fields, are being forced to accept considerably less for their crops than would have been the case had the Bombay Cotton Market been allowed to function in a normal manner.

The marketing of a crop like cotton is a highly complicated affair. What comes on to the market in a few months is absorbed by the consumers over twelve months, and it is only by the use of a Futures Market that the crops can be marketed in an orderly manner at a fair price, and the

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Ryots the Sufferers.

The present state of affairs in Bombay has reacted in the most cruel manner on the Indian ryot, who has little power to hold back his crop, and he is now being forced to sell the result of his labours at prices ruinous to himself.

With a satisfactory Futures Market in which he can protect himself against the fall in prices, the merchant will only buy at bargain rates. He can, if he wishes, hedge his excess purchases in the American Futures Markets, in Liverpool or America, but he will only do so provided he can buy Indian cotton at a price relatively so cheap that he has no fear of ultimate loss. To hedge in these markets he must pay brokerage, which is another loss to Bombay.

The loss to the Indian cotton trade during the last year is incalculable. Not only had the merchants to sell off the balance of last year's crop at a ruinous parity, but the low prices which have now to be accepted by the ryot for this year's crop tremendously reduces and in many cases wipes out his ability to buy articles which he requires and usually pays for out of the proceeds of his cotton, which is one of India's principal money crops. This reacts on all branches of business and is further impoverishing the country.

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Sport Columns

PROSPECTIVE RUGBY FIFTEEN.

Difficulties Solved in
Latest Trial.

THREE-QUARTER WANTED

[By "Scrum Half"]
The final Interport Trial on Saturday must have solved some of the difficulties which confronted the Selection Committee. The match, though played in a continual drizzle, was full of incident and good combination.
In reviewing the game I feel that six players were outstanding. In the Probables' side Griffiths, Turner, and Buttress were the most prominent players, and in the Rest fifteen Rees, Selby, and McElney were the choice of a weaker side. Unfortunately Rees will not be able to find a place in the chosen fifteen due to complications regarding his qualification.

Selby Certain.

Selby has undoubtedly solved the scrum-half problem. He completely outplayed King in every department and, with a little training, should prove himself to be a match winner in the Hong Kong side. It would have been a welcome move had Selby changed with King at half-time, but there is yet plenty of time to see him in combination with Turner. We at least saw his fine defensive play.

McElney has almost forced himself into the side as a result of his fine display as hooker. Although backed up by a pack which was inferior in weight to their opponents, he gave Peers a good deal of trouble. His play in the loose was excellent and his tackling was deadly. Should he displace Peers as hooker, the latter is bound to gain inclusion on the merits of his all-round play.

West's Claims.

Law played a fine defensive game and held Lammer very well, but he can hardly hope to displace either Lammer or More. As a wing forward, Cox played a very enterprising game, but he, too, has the misfortune to be up against two excellent men in Gammell and Massey. West played a dashing game in the loose and, provided he gets out of that fatal habit of trying to pick the ball up when dribbling, he should be able to displace Leckie in the second row of the scrum.

In the three-quarter line Plummer was the weak link owing to his slowness off the mark. His defensive play was good, but he lacked that initiative which is so essential when having two men to play to advantage. This position is really the only problem before the selectors. If one could depend on Allera being fit for the game there would be no need to worry, but this, unfortunately, is most unlikely. Allera would have improved the three-quarter line considerably. Perhaps Ferguson, who was unable to play in the final trial owing to injury, would be able to fill the vacancy with credit.

Forecast of Team.

A forecast of the fifteen is a little premature but on their present form the following would select themselves:

J. P. Whitlam; G. P. Lammer; J. J. Ferguson; R. W. Griffiths; G. R. More; M. W. Turner; J. A. R. Selby; D. L. Milne Day; W. F. Peers; J. H. McElney; F. R. Burgh; E. R. West; E. B. Gammell; E. F. Buttress; and B. P. Massey.

The selectors would be well advised to play the prospective Interport team in as many matches as possible, and they are fortunate to be able to play the same team in the Triangular Tournament. Continual practice leads to good combination and understanding.

SCOTLAND DEFEAT FRANCE.

Two Penalties Against
a Dropped Goal.

FRENCH IMPETUOSITY.

Edinburgh, Saturday.
In the presence of 50,000 spectators at Murrayfield Park to-day, Scotland beat France by six points to four in the International Rugby football match.
The game was fought out with the keenest spirit, but the Frenchmen's typical impetuosity, which resulted in a stream of penalties for Scotland, spoiled the match.
They were penalised twice in the first ten minutes, one of which Allan converted, and he was successful later in turning another penalty to good account. At the interval Scotland held a six points lead.
In the second half the Scottish backs threw away many chances by

EWIN WINS BOUT IN MANILA RING.

Carlos Logan K.O. in the
Eighth Round.

A FINE VICTORY.

Seaman Harry Ewin, of H.M.S. Kent, appears to be going from strength to strength. Messages received by his friends in the Colony state that he knocked out Carlos Logan at the Stadium in Manila on Saturday night, administering the sleep-producer in the eighth round.
Ewin's victory will be sufficient to convince the sceptics in Manila that there are still one or two genuine mitt-slingers turned out from Britain. After the poor shows put up by some of the imported boxers, some of the Philippine fans not unnaturally began to think that overseas fighters were not quite the class they were made out to be.

Logan is considered about the best, or next-best man at his weight down South. His weight for the fight with Ewin is not yet definitely known, although Ewin would probably come in at about 154 lb.
The result heightens the interest in the middleweight title fight between Ewin and Crichton, to be put on by the Hong Kong Boxing Association on Saturday, February 7.

Shepherd's Cruel Luck.

News which makes much less pleasant hearing is that Jack Shepherd, classy middleweight of H.M.S. Cumberland, has met with a serious accident to his hand, and, it is said, may possibly lose a finger. From the standpoint of boxing in particular, this is most unfortunate for Shepherd, as it may possibly put an end to his ring activities.

Shepherd was in line for a bout with Crichton, which of course has had to be put off. In fact, with Ewin, Crichton, and Shepherd in the Colony together, some great middleweight contests had been anticipated.

Boxing fans will wish Shepherd a speedy recovery, and trust that his accident will not turn out so serious as reported.

LAWN TENNIS.

ARMY TEAM DEFEAT THE CIVIL
SERVICE.

THREE SETS DROPPED.

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, a team representing the Army easily defeated a Civil Service team in a lawn tennis match by the large margin of 15 sets to three. Scores:—

Stocker and Atkinson (Army)—beat Bradley and Freeman 6-2, 6-3, 6-5; beat Bendall and Fowler 6-2, 7-5; beat Randle and Anderson 6-2, 6-3; Mitchell and Panton (Army)—beat Bradley and Freeman 6-1, 6-4; beat Bendall and Fowler 6-4, 6-6; beat Randle and Anderson 6-4, 6-2; Paul and Ormerod (Army)—beat Bradley and Freeman 6-2, 6-4; beat Bendall and Fowler 6-2, 6-4; beat Randle and Anderson 7-5, 6-3.

YACHTING.

RESULTS OF WEEK-END
CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

MAST CARRIED AWAY.

On a somewhat choppy sea the ninth Championship Race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was sailed on Saturday over a course of 7.75 miles, extending from North Fairway Buoy to Ramsey Shoal. Five yachts failed to finish the race, one, Adanne, having her mast carried away. Four yachts, Falcon, Allip, Lola, and Wendy, did not sail. The results are as follows:—

"B" Class.

[Started at 2.30 p.m.]

Finished Corrected
Diana Did not finish
Colleen (5) 4.10.55 4.02.32
Rolls (4) 4.00.18 4.01.53
La Linda Did not finish
Norene (3) 4.01.52 4.01.52
Argylla II (2) 4.10.00 4.01.37
Dorothea (1) 4.07.29 3.59.09

[Started at 2.35 p.m.]

Finished Corrected
Daphne Did not finish
Joan (5) 4.28.00 4.25.00
Why Wonder (6) 4.57.42 4.55.40
Vines Did not finish
Blue Jacket (5) 4.38.34 4.38.38
Bougainville (1) 4.35.55 4.33.45
Streetwell (4) 4.35.55 4.33.45
Adanne Did not finish
Zephyr (2) 4.30.12 4.34.25

Faulty handling, while the Frenchmen defended desperately, Langley, the Scottish full-back, retired hurt. Meanwhile, Servalle dropped a goal for France, who made a great final rally but failed to save the game.
Result:—
Scotland 6 points
France 1 point
—Router.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

WEAK RESISTANCE BY THE
CLUB.

SOUTH CHINA VICTORIOUS.

In Division I, the Club put up a surprisingly weak resistance against South China on Saturday and went down by six clear goals, though it must be said that they fielded a very weak side. The Police could not stay against Kowloon, who won fairly comfortably and, after a keen tussle at Sookunpoo, the Argyls disposed of the Borderers by the odd goal in five.
The chief attraction in Division II, was the encounter of the Navy and Eastern, the latter breaking up badly before the strong Navy attack. The Borderers' second string scored a runaway victory at the expense of South China.

In the Junior Division the Ordinance continue triumphantly towards the top of the league, their victims being the Borderers. The Engineers fared miserably against the Airmen, and the R.A.S.C. enjoyed another fine win at the expense of South China.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Division I.		
Athletic	2 St. Joseph's	1
Club	0 South China	6
Police	2 Kowloon	4
Borderers	2 Argyls	2
R.A.	0 Recreio	2
Division II.		
Navy	3 Eastern	1
St. Joseph's	0 University	4
Athletic	1 Club	0
South China	0 Borderers	5
R.A.	0 Argyls	3
Division III.		
Borderers	1 R.A.O.C.	2
Athletic	2 Ewo	0
R.A.S.C.	5 South China	2
R.E.	1 R.A.F.	4

GOAL SCORERS.

Division I.		
Fung King-cheung (S. China)	5	
Janson (Kowloon)	2	
Harris (Borderers)	2	
Ip Pak-wa (South China)	1	
Suen Kam-shun (Athletic)	1	
Mak Kwok-tung (Athletic)	1	
Victor (St. Joseph's)	1	
Collaco (Recreio)	1	
Rocha (Recreio)	1	
Grimwood (Kowloon)	1	
Simpson (Kowloon)	1	
Cornwall (Police)	1	
Pile (Police)	1	
Louden (Argyls)	1	
Henderson (Penalty—Argyls)	1	
Campbell (Argyls)	1	
Division II.		
Nelson (Borderers)	2	
Tan (University)	2	
Wong (University)	1	
Kho (University)	1	
Fung King-yui (Athletic)	1	
Sabhan (Eastern)	1	
Lai King-choy (own goal—Navy)	1	
Rush (Navy)	1	
Hobbs (Navy)	1	
Bowen (Borderers)	1	
Lakeman (Borderers)	1	
Mathias (Borderers)	1	
Clive (Argyls)	1	
Alexander (Argyls)	1	
Davidson (Argyls)	1	
Division III.		
McCulloch (R.A.S.C.)	3	
Atkins (R.A.F.)	2	
Cham Kiat-sing (South China)	2	
Tang King-sin (Athletic)	1	
Chiu Tang-sing (Athletic)	1	
Powell (Borderers)	1	
Jackson (R.A.O.C.)	1	
Bolan (R.A.O.C.)	1	
Kennish (R.A.F.)	1	
Sloan (R.E.)	1	
Cole (R.A.S.C.)	1	
Craggs (R.A.S.C.)	1	
Brennan (R.A.S.C.)	1	

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.						
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China	12	11	1	0	49	10
Argyls	13	9	4	0	33	23
Athletic	11	8	2	1	27	17
Recreio	11	7	3	1	25	20
Borderers	12	6	5	1	30	19
Kowloon	10	6	2	3	25	18
Navy	10	5	4	0	27	18
Police	13	8	0	1	18	27
R.A.	13	8	0	1	15	41
St. Joseph's	13	11	0	0	17	44
Club	13	1	0	2	7	38
Division II.						
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	10	12	4	0	67	20
Borderers	14	10	3	2	34	18
Eastern	13	10	2	1	30	8
Argyls	13	8	2	3	31	17
Club	16	7	0	3	19	21
University	14	5	5	3	28	17
Athletic	14	6	3	1	10	15
St. Joseph's	14	5	3	1	23	15
Kowloon	12	8	2	12	29	8
South China	15	10	2	14	39	8
R.A.	12	2	10	0	8	37
Recreio	13	0	10	3	6	42
Division III.						
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Borderers	15	10	4	1	46	19
R.A.O.C.	9	0	2	1	33	15
R.E.	11	0	4	1	22	24
Ewo	11	6	4	2	14	17
South China	12	4	5	3	18	23
Fukien	11	4	5	2	23	16
Athletic	10	3	5	2	18	21
P.A.F.	12	4	8	0	25	32
R.A.S.C.	11	8	0	0	29	40

INTERPORT TRIAL.

Army Again Provide The Opposition.
The second Interport trial will be played at Happy Valley tomorrow afternoon at 4.30 p.m. when an Army XI will meet the Probable Hong Kong Interport side. It had been hoped that the Royal Navy would have been able to provide the opposition, but as this was found impossible the Army are again the challengers. The Army will play in red shirts. Several changes have been made in their team and the following have been selected:—
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GOLF MATCH HALVED ON 18TH GREEN

A VERY VITAL PUTT!

LOCAL AMATEURS GIVE VISITORS
A STIFF STRUGGLE.

MARTON'S GREAT PLAY

"Wild Bill" Mehlhorn, with the very last stroke of the round, on the eighteenth green at Fanling yesterday, sunk his putt for a "birdie" three, and thus halved the match in which he and Bobby Cruickshank were engaged with I. W. Shewan and O. E. C. Marton, well-known local amateurs.

"Bill" had previously played very well to win the seventeenth for his side, after the Fanling stars had become dormy two. In fact, the professionals were fighting an uphill battle for most of the round, after some superlative golf by Marton in the earlier stages, which put the amateurs three up at the fourth.

"Bobby and Bill" squared the match at the fourteenth, by virtue of a great tee-shot by Cruickshank, only to drop the next two. Then came Mehlhorn's supreme effort. Even as it was, both Shewan and Marton only missed a three for the match on the final green by the narrowest of margins.

There was a very large (and considerate) gallery, and His Excellency the Governor watched the earlier play with keen interest. The amateurs, it should be mentioned, played on level terms with the visitors.

IMPORTANCE OF PUTTING

The match served to emphasise yet again the importance of good putting. There could be no serious criticism of the professionals' play from the tee, and through the green. Both were driving a long, and usually very straight, ball, and their second shots were delightful for their strength and accuracy. But on the greens they were not so successful. Granted they had none of the "breaks"—or, in Hong Kong parlance, they had no "joss"—but the fact remains that there was the ball on the green, and there was the cup—and the ball did not go down, when it might conceivably have done. Luck or judgment lacking? Possibly a bit of both.

Cruickshank changed to the smaller ball after the fifth, but it made little difference.
Marton The Hero.
The hero of the match was Marton. He started off with some amazing golf, and with birdies at the third, and fourth, was three under 4's. His tee shot at the third hit on the pin, and left him a putt of five feet, which he promptly sank, amidst delighted applause. He played two glorious shots at the fourth, and sank a longish putt for a three, incidental putting the visitors three down.

It was hardly to be expected that this could be kept up all the way through, and one or two bad shots crept into his round later. But all in all, he was steadiness personified, which was just as well, because Shewan was off form, and in fact picked up his ball on one or two occasions.
Shewan Redeems Himself.
However, just when things began to look a bit critical for the amateurs after they had turned one up, only to see the professionals square the match, Shewan came to life at the fifteenth with a wonderful long putt of about twelve yards for a three, to give his side the lead again. He got underneath his next tee shot, and found the bunker, but recovered beautifully, pitching within easy holding distance for another three. Marton also had a three here, and the local players were dormy two.

Shewan earlier on, over-ran the green at the fourth, but recovered well to get a four. His form was not too impressive going out, but it was at the tenth his troubles began. Here he topped a drive which ran over the hill in front of the green. He half-hit his second into the trees, and picked up. He was down below the bank at the Gem, but pitched well up to sink his putt for a three. He was again down at the next two holes, and looked to be definitely slumping, only to "come back" at the Armchair when his side badly needed a stimulus. The last two holes he did in bogey figures, which was not quite good enough to beat Mehlhorn.

It almost looked as if Shewan's putt at the Armchair would settle the match, but the professionals, as it turned out, were by no means done with, and the result—a halved match—was a fitting outcome to a splendid game.
Oh! Mr. Cruickshank!
Cruickshank made a mess of a very simple putt—about one foot—for a three at the third. The gasp of consternation from the gallery was quite audible. But Bobby went on his way smiling, and

his game improved as he played further. He played a really brilliant shot from an awkward lie on the bank at the right at the 13th, and followed it at the next hole with a great spoon shot within five feet of the pin, for which he was warmly applauded. His putting, and that of Mehlhorn, has been mentioned. Whatever the reason they would not go down when most urgently needed to.
A Great Recovery.
Mehlhorn began to find the run of the greens coming in, and made amends for previous shortcomings in the closing stages, although earlier he had very hard luck with a very long putt that stopped on the lip of the hole at the eighth. Neither he nor Bobby got into any very alarming trouble, playing straight for the most part.

Mehlhorn played a great second at the 10th to recover from a bad lie behind the trees. At the Armchair, "Wild Bill" looked a little dubious when he found his drive lying in the rough to the left, and again behind a small tree. But it takes more than this to worry the American star. He played a magnificent shot out, just short of the green, and managed to get a five, which might have been a four with a better approach shot.
Approximate Scores.
Scores (only approximate, of course), were:—
Cruickshank,
Out: 4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, = 38
In: 5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 5, 4, = 37
Total 75
Mehlhorn,
Out: 4, 5, 3, 4, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5, = 37
In: 4, 5, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3, 6, 4, = 37
Total 74
Marton,
Out: 4, 4, 2, 6, 5, 5, 4, 4, 6, = 37
In: 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 6, 4, = 37
Total 74
Shewan's figures going out were 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 6, giving him 39. As he did not hole out every time coming in, his complete return is not available.
Hong Kong in Trouble!
It will thus be seen that neither of the professionals had anything above five at any time during the round. The Hong Kong men were in trouble at the ninth and 17th. At the ninth Shewan found the bank on the left with his drive, played a poor shot out just over the brow, and took four to get on, including a splendid brassie shot. He then missed his putt for five.
At the same hole Marton was off the line with his drive, got out well with his second, but was over with his third. He chipped back with his fourth, but needed two putts. At the 17th, he put his drive out on the bank at the tight of the path. He pushed his second across the fairway at the foot of the hill underneath the guide posts, and then made a good recovery, only to give up the hole after two putts, Mehlhorn being down in four.
"J.P." Plays the Game.
Once again Fanling favoured the occasion with a sample of its kindest weather, the conditions becoming a little overcast only at the last few holes. It is certain that everyone in the large crowd, which contained many lady enthusiasts, thoroughly enjoyed the match, and wholeheartedly approved of honours being even at the finish.
—W. A. E.

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CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. IN UNLUCKY DRAW
WITH C.S.C.C.

CRAIGENGOWER LOSE AGAIN.

After literally having victory in their grasp, the Hong Kong C.C. conceded a draw to the Civil Service C.C. in Division I of the Cricket League on Saturday. The former got to within one run of their opponents' total with several wickets in hand, when time intervened.

The Royal Artillery upset calculations at Happy Valley by defeating the C.C.C. It seems that Craiggengower's convincing form at the commencement of the season is rather misleading.

The struggle for championship honours in the Second Division continues apace, all the favourites winning. The Indian R.C. added another three points to their aggregate by overcoming the Royal Engineers, Civil Service, the only side with maximum points, got the better of the Hong Kong C.C. in a low-scoring match, and the Kowloon C.C. trounced the Royal Corps of Signals.

League I.

H.K.C.C. DROP ANOTHER TWO
POINTS.

BAD LUCK!

On their own ground, the Hong Kong C.C. drew with the Civil Service C.C.

Civil Service C.C.				
F. J. de Rome, b Beck	44			
G. R. Sayer, c and b Beck	35			
J. E. Richardson, c Beck, b Reid	15			
B. D. Evans, b Bowker, b Reid	1			
R. M. Wood, c Bowker, b Reid	0			
F. Baker, c and b Reid	0			
E. W. Hamilton, b Bowker	0			
D. R. Kelly, c Beck, b Bowker	0			
F. H. Holdman, b Wild, b Beck	11			
E. B. Reed, b Beck	10			
F. J. Ling, not out	0			
Extras	24			
Total (for 6 wks.)	149			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowker	10	2	28	2
Reid	15	4	45	4
Beck	9.2	3	28	4
Batger	4	0	24	0

Hong Kong C.C.

T. E. Pearce, c and b Ling	63			
E. R. Duckitt, b Reed	5			
K. H. Batger, b Beck	7			
R. H. Wild, c Richardson, b Baker	13			
A. Reid, b Baker	13			
C. E. Cahagan, b Baker	4			
A. C. J. Bowker, not out	32			
A. C. Beck, not out	3			
Extras	10			
Total (for 6 wks.)	148			

J. D. Humphreys, P. W. J. Planner and J. Macfarlane did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ling	8	0	28	1
Reid	11	0	38	2
Baker	10	3	35	3
Kelly	3	1	10	0
Hamilton	4	0	23	0

BRYANT'S FINE INNINGS
FOR R.A.

C.C.C. DEFEATED.

At Happy Valley, the Craiggengower C.C. lost to the Royal Artillery by three wickets.

Scores:—

Craiggengower C.C.				
H. P. Lim, c Miller, b Bryant	2			
S. V. Gittins, run out	4			
E. Zimmerman, b Musson	5			
A. T. Lee, b Musson	18			
U. M. Omar, b Bryant	10			
A. E. Hanson, c Wolfe-Barry, b	98			
R. Sourbatta, c Christian, b	13			
Musson	13			
W. Patterson, b Musson	5			
R. Lee, b Musson	15			
J. L. Youngs, c Miller, b	6			
Musson	1			
R. C. Reed, not out	1			
Extras	22			
Total (for 8 wks.)	145			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Musson	18.3	6	38	6
Bryant	7	1	32	2
Miller	8	1	35	0
Willis	3	0	18	1

Royal Artillery.

Lt. Haslewood, b R. Lee	4			
Lt. Wolfe-Barry, b R. Lee	28			
Capt. Dunlop, b Sourbatta	22			
Lt. Musson, b Gittins	9			
Lt. Bdr. Comby, b Gittins	14			
Lt. Bdr. Bryant, not out	42			
Lt. Macfarlane, c and b R. Lee	8			
Lt. Waring, c Omar, b R. Lee	23			
Capt. Miller, b A. T. Lee	1			
Extras	1			
Total (for 8 wks.)	150			

Lt. Christian and Bdr. Willis did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Omar	9	3	20	0
A. T. Lee	8	1	32	2
R. Lee	10	1	35	4
Sourbatta	3	0	15	1
Gittins	5	0	29	2

League II.

R.E. FAIL TO HOLD JUNIOR
LEADERS.

R.C. WIN AGAIN.

On their own ground, the Royal Engineers lost to the Indian R.C. 2nd XI by 70 runs.

Scores:—

Indian R.C. II.				
M. P. Madar, b Holmes	10			
J. E. Archer, b Madar	32			
A. R. Saffad, c and b Holmes	83			
A. R. Saffad, c and b Holmes	83			
M. P. Madar, b Holmes	14			

P. M. el Arculli, c Deavall, b	9			
Meehan	30			
A. S. Saffad, b Meehan	30			
D. Mohamed, b Holmes	20			
H. T. M. Barma, not out	10			
M. R. Abbas, run out	20			
A. M. Ramjahn, not out	20			
Extras	12			
Total (for 8 wks., dec.)	160			

S. Ismail did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Meehan	17	0	58	4
Holmes	9	1	30	0
Brewer	8	2	30	0
Deavall	2	0	10	0
Maynard	1	0	8	0

Royal Engineers.

S/M Gomer, b Abbas	0			
Spr. Waldron, b Arculli	4			
Lt. Col. Meehan, b Abbas	0			
Spr. Holman, c A. R. Saffad, b	0			
Arculli	14			
Lt. Col. Maraden, run out	17			
S/M Atkinson, c Abbas, b	13			
Rumjahn	11			
Spr. Maynard, b Rumjahn	11			
Spr. Gull, c Barma, b A. S. Saffad	4			
S/Sgt. Brewer, run out	11			
Spr. Evans, run out	4			
Extras	3			
Total	90			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Arculli	8	2	22	2
Abbas	3	0	22	0
A. R. Saffad	3	1	9	2
Rumjahn	3	1	9	2
A. S. Saffad	2	0	2	1
Madar	2	0	5	0
Mohamed	0.4	0	4	0

FINE ALL-ROUND DISPLAY BY
H. E. STRANGE.

CIVIL SERVICE WIN.

At Happy Valley, the Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI. defeated the second team of the Hong Kong C.C. by seven runs.

Scores:—

Civil Service II.				
F. E. Mathews, b Hutchison	8			
J. F. McGowan, c Stanesby, b Way	5			
S. Randle, b Chadwick	2			
A. E. Wood, b Chadwick	0			
B. C. K. Hawkins, c Patterson, b	0			
Chadwick	0			
J. M. Wilson, c Armstrong, b	17			
H. Chadwick	31			
H. E. Strange, c Collins, b	31			
Chadwick	31			
T. Wilmut, c Hepburn, b Hutchison	1			
G. R. Robertson, c Stanesby, b	18			
Hutchison	2			
A. V. Grimmit, b Way	2			
W. H. Edmonds, not out	6			
Extras	6			
Total	94			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Chadwick	14	3	21	5
Way	7	0	18	2
Hutchison	8	2	28	3
Patterson	2	0	5	0
Collins	2	0	16	0

Hong Kong C.C. II.

H. J. Armstrong, st Strange, b	10			
McGowan	10			
R. S. W. Patterson, b Edmonds	2			
R. K. Hepburn, st Strange, b	9			
Hawkins	3			
E. C. Etherington, st Strange, b	3			
Hawkins	7			
M. M. Watson, b Edmonds	6			
J. D. A. Hutchison, c McGowan, b	7			
Edmonds	8			
J. Chadwick, b W. McGowan	8			

LEAGUE I. AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs	Highest	Not	Aver.
Lt. A. H. Musson (R.A.)	3	170	102	0	56.66
G. R. Sayer (C.S.C.C.)	3	129	69	0	43.00
F. D. Pereira (I.R.C.)	5	136	57	1	34.00
F. J. de Rome (C.S.C.C.)	3	92	46	0	30.66
A. A. Ramjahn (I.R.C.)	5	122	40*	1	30.50
S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)	6	167	71	0	27.83
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	5	172	71	0	26.33
O. Ismail (I.R.C.)	5	79	45*	2	26.33
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	5	104	54	0	20.80

* Denotes not out.
The qualification for the above table is three innings and an average of over 20 runs per wicket.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
A. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	15.3	4	37	5	7.40
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	62	22	130	17	7.64
F. D. Pereira (I.R.C.)	80.4	26	190	24	7.91
A. C. Beck (H.K.C.C.)	36.2	6	112	12	9.33
Lt. A. H. Musson (R.A.)	41.2	7	133	14	9.50

The qualification for the above table is three matches and a bowling average under 10 runs per wicket.

LEAGUE II. AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs	Highest Score	Not Out	Average
F. E. Skinner (K.C.C.)	3	189	100 ¹	1	63.00
A. P. Gutierrez (H.C.C.)	3	107	83	0	35.66
Lt. Col. Fry (R.A.S.C.)	3	175	83	1	35.00
G. Lee (K.C.C.)	3	92	81	0	30.66
R. Sourbuts (C.C.C.)	3	177	70 ¹	0	23.22
A. R. Safflad (H.R.C.)	3	173	40 ¹	2	28.83
H. A. Barron (H.C.C.)	5	119	55	2	27.75
R. Demolus (H.C.C.)	5	109	56 ¹	1	26.75
H. M. Xavier (H.C.C.)	4	101	46 ¹	0	25.25
A. R. Haje Eamall (H.R.C.)	3	171	40 ¹	1	24.40
C. F. Alexander (Police)	5	93	35 ¹	3	23.25
R. H. Wild (H.R.C.C.)	5	111	43 ¹	0	22.22
W. W. Macdonald (H.C.C.)	4	93	40	0	23.25
A. Alves (H.C.C.)	5	103	77	0	20.66
K. T. Luke (University)	3	41	23	1	20.50

LEAGUE'S WORK.

GERMANY DUBIOUS AS TO ARMS
REDUCTION.

THE GOLD STANDARD.

Geneva, Saturday.

At a public session of the League of Nations' Council Mr. Arthur Henderson said that immediately he returned to London the British Government would start preparation for the Disarmament Conference. He hoped that every member of the League would concentrate upon it, and said that the framework (namely, the draft convention) was established, and the figures must now be inserted.

Herr Curtius (Germany) said the draft convention, to which Germany had not agreed should not be binding, and the question should be further examined.

M. Briand, supporting Mr. Henderson, reminded Herr Curtius that the work of the Preparatory Committee had occupied five years. A maximum agreement had been reached, and any re-opening of the question would jeopardise the conference.

Herr Curtius, in reply, agreed that all the Powers should go to the conference determined to carry out Article Eight of the League Covenant, which provides that all nations reduce armaments to the lowest figure compatible with security. He added that he had not said that the whole discussion should be reopened, but that there had been certain points as to which Germany was unable to agree.

The Gold Question.

The second Interim Report of the Gold Delegation on the working of the gold standard is described as of "most considerable interest and importance." It has been submitted to the League Council, and will be circulated to both non-members and members of the League.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, who presided, said that the Council hoped the Report would advance the elucidation of a most difficult problem.

Rapporteur Mowinkel (Norway) said that the Report had not dealt with the problem as to whether a relationship existed between the present economic depression and the gold position. This was outside the terms of reference. The Delegation had confined itself to indicating the principles upon which it was of opinion the efficient working of a gold standard must primarily depend.

A further Report may be issued by summing up the situation. —Reuter.

HOUSE OF HABSBURG

ARCHDUKE OTTO DECLARED
ITS HEAD.

The young Archduke Otto, eldest son of the late Emperor-King Karl of Austria-Hungary, attained his 18th year on November 20, and under the Habsburg Family Law became of age.

Although there is said to be no present intention on the part of the Legitimists of trying to place him on the Throne of Hungary—still less of Austria—the event is of considerable European importance.

For Hungary, unlike Austria, is not a Republic, but is ruled by a Regent, Admiral Horthy, and the return of the Habsburgs to that throne is not expressly barred by the Treaties made after the war. Moreover, the ex-Empress Zita, the Archduke's mother, and her adherents have expressly declared on many occasions that the claim to the Crown has never been abandoned.

But the ex-Empress formally notified the Belgian Foreign Office that she did not meditate any attempt to place her son on the Throne.

The coming of age was celebrated at the Chateau of Steenokkerzeel, near Brussels, the residence of the ex-Empress. The festivities were of an intimate family character, though a number of Austrian and Hungarian notabilities were present.

Ex-Empress's Declaration.

The most important event was the reading at nine a.m. of a formal statement in German by the ex-Empress Zita to the gathering of Austrians and Hungarians.

The statement was to the effect that by reason of having attained his majority the Archduke Otto was henceforth the sole head of the Royal House of Hungary. This declaration was signed by all those present.

At ten o'clock Mgr. Seydl, Bishop of Vienna, celebrated mass in the chapel. He then delivered an address in which he emphasised the importance of the occasion. He expressed the hope of soon hearing a "Te Deum" sung no longer in exile but at Budapest, where the Archduke would be received in a manner conformable to his rank and his new dignity.

In the afternoon a reception was held at which Austrian and Hun-

THE OTHER EROS.

A PLANET'S STRANGE
BEHAVIOUR.

MILES OFF ITS COURSE.

Astronomers have been thrown into confusion by the mysterious behaviour of the little planet Eros, which approaches nearer to the earth by many million miles than any other planet. Particular attention is now being given to it, for it is nearer than at any time since its discovery in 1898, writes a "Morning Post" special representative.

Eros is important, because the scale of the entire solar system can be determined from it. But like its namesake, the god of love, the planet has belied the experts by appearing in an unexpected position.

Five years ago its movements were tabulated, so it was thought, for all time, and some twenty observatories have been making ready for the expected approach. To measure the position of Eros elaborate plans were made for charting with special accuracy the background of stars across which the path of Eros would move. Now it has been found that the planet is 60,000 miles off of its calculated course and no longer in the middle of the starry track which the astronomers had prepared.

Stars Become Out-Of-Date.

"The discrepancy," Dr. A. C. D. Crommelin, President of the Royal Astronomical Society, explained to me, would correspond to about an inch and a quarter on the largest photographic plates which are used at Greenwich. This means that roughly a quarter of the many hundreds of stars chosen for reference are now unsuitable for the purpose.

"There are two alternatives," Dr. Crommelin added. "Either the astronomers can use the original stars and lose accuracy, or they can take their photographs of Eros now and determine the requisite number of additional stars at a later date. It is the second course which will probably be followed at Greenwich. The necessary calculations will however, take several years to complete."

In spite of these difficulties Dr. J. D. Jackson, Sir Frank Dyson's principal assistant at the Royal Observatory, expressed the opinion to me that the distance of Eros would be successfully measured to within one part in four thousand, or double the accuracy of the last measurements.

The method, he explained, is exactly analogous to that employed in range-finding or surveying. Theoretically, it would be possible to measure the position of Eros as seen from two different observatories at the same time and from the difference in apparent position to deduce the distance of the planet.

Actually the measurements are taken from the same observatory at different times. Between nightfall and dawn the observatory itself moves with the rotation of the earth, so that two photographs taken at 10 p.m. and at 5 a.m. are in effect photographs of the planet from different positions. Meantime the planet itself has also moved, and it is in making allowance for this factor that most of the complications arise.

FRENCH CABINET.

TO BE FORMED BY M.
LAVAL.

Paris, Saturday.

Following the defeat of the Government and the resignation of M. Steeg's cabinet, M. Briand was asked to form a new Government, but refused.

M. Laval, however, has accepted the invitation of M. Doumergue (President) to constitute a new cabinet. —Reuter.

garian Royalists, and the friends of the exiled Court were present.

All Powers Handed Over.

The ex-Empress, speaking in German, congratulated her son and emphasised the importance of the role he has henceforth to play as head of the House of Habsburg. She added that she handed over to him all the powers she had received from the dead King Karl.

The Archduke replied with emotion, thanking his mother for all her care and affirming his ardent love of his country. He begged his mother to continue to exercise his rights until he had finished his studies.

At night there was a banquet at which the Archduke Otto presided. In addition to the ex-Empress Zita and the Duchess of Saxe, his grandmother, the fifty-two persons present included the Archduke Max (brother of the late Emperor Karl), Prince Xavier, and Sixte of Bourbon-Parma, the seven brothers and sisters of the young Archduke, Prince John of Leichtenstein, and Prince Johannburg.

The Archduke wore the Hungarian national costume. There were no speeches.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.
7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.
7-8 p.m.—Variety.

Band—
Bells of Saint Malo—Intermezzo (Rimsky).
Gladiator's Farewell (Blankenburg).
National Military Band (13).

Song—
Romance (from "Cameo Kirby"), John Boles, Tenor (22230).
Accordion Solo—
Medley of Italian Airs, Pietro (81710).

Humorous Song—
Some of These Days, Sophie Tucker (22049).
Instrumental Trio—
Down in the Forest (Sir Landon Ronald).
De Groot Trio (9).

Chorus—
Singing a Vagabond Song, The Revellers (22401).
Ocarina Solo—
The Canary (Rizzi).
The Nightingale (Cibelli).
Fred Brano (31).

Humorous Song—
I Like to Do Things For You (from "King of Jazz"), Grace Hayes (22388).
Piano Solo—
Just for To-night (Oscar Geiger), A Little Kiss Each Morning (from "The Vagabond King"), John Kurucz (38).

Vocal Duet—
Oh! Baby What a Night, Billy Murray and Walter Scannell (22040).
Song—
S'Posin', Mildred Hunt assisted by the Landt Trio (22105).

Orchestral—
That Naughty Waltz (Levy), That Naughty Victoria Orchestra (30).
8-8.25 p.m.—
Sonata in C Minor (Grieg, Op. 45) Sergei Rachmaninoff and Fritz Kreisler (8106).

8.25-8.50 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
The Merry Widow—Potpourri (Franz Lehar).
Marek Weber & His Orch. (50007).
Dollar Princess—Medley (Leo Fall), Nat Shilkret & His Orchestra (50011).

8.50-9 p.m.—
The Beautiful Galatea—Overture (Suppe arr. Artok).
Berlin State Opera Orchestra directed by Ernest Viebig (50072).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.
9.05-9.30 p.m.—Concert Items.
Orchestral—
Don Juan—Overture (Mozart), Concert Orchestra (29).

Song—
Clair de Lune (The Wistful Moon), Beau Solr, Mary Garden, Soprano (1439).

BRUTAL MURDER.

NEW JACK-THE-RIPPER
BELIEVED AT LARGE.

POLICE MYSTIFIED.

London, Saturday.

Scotland Yard is puzzled by another murder which recalls the terrible Dusseldorf affair of last year in its brutality and apparent lack of motive.

Early yesterday morning a workman walking across the common at Blackheath stumbled against the body of a girl. He reported the matter to the Police, who soon identified it as that of an eighteen-years' old local servant girl, named Louisa Steel. From the marks found on her neck and throat it was apparent that she had been strangled. Her body was terribly mutilated.

Much Traffic.

There is always a great deal of traffic on the Heath, and the fact that numerous pedestrians must have passed the spot without noticing the body supports the Police theory that she was murdered in a motor car and then flung onto the Heath.

The strange circumstances of the case suggest that a maniac of the Jack-the-Ripper type is at large in London.

There is at present considerable agitation in Liberal and Labour quarters over the prolonged absence on the Riviera of Lord Byng, who has not returned to his duties in spite of the recent death of Admiral Sir Charles Roys, the Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. This latest murder mystery has intensified the clamour for Lord Byng's resignation and the reorganisation of Scotland Yard. —Reuter.

Lord Byng, first Viscount of Vimy, was appointed Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in 1928, and is a son of the second Earl of Strathford. He was famous for his command of the third Army in France, when the British forces gained a great victory, and for these services he was thanked by Parliament and granted £30,000. He was Governor-General of Canada from 1921-26, and is 69 years of age.]

Pianoforte Solo—
On the Banks of the Danube, John Kurucz (12).

Song—
Premiera-Crescendo (De Crescenzo), Bois Epais (Sombre Forest), Enrico Caruso, Tenor (1437).

9.30-10 p.m.—From the Studio:
Readings from Shakespeare by Members of the A.D.C.
10-10.30 p.m.—Experiment Relay.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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NATIONAL FORCES.

GENERALS TO COMMAND
RAILWAY ZONE.

PRESIDENT'S ORDERS.

Nanking, Saturday.

President Chiang Kai-shek has appointed the following Generals to command the Government forces along the Tainpu, Lunghai, Kinshan railways, respectively—Wang Chun, Ku Chu-ching, and Lsu Yuan-chuan.

The orders concerning these appointments state that in the event of emergency not only troops but all railway officials will be subject to the orders of these Generals. —Reuter.

INVASION OF KANSU

WU PEI-FU ACTIVE IN
SZECHUAN.

Peking, Yesterday.

The name of Wu Pei-fu has again cropped up in Chinese reports from Szechuan, which state that at his headquarters at Suiting he is organising all the superfluous troops in Szechuan for an invasion of Kansu.

Generals Tong Hsi-hou and Tien Sung-yao, whose movements on the Szechuan-Kansu border have created suspicion for some time, are reported to have penetrated Kansu and occupied Pikow. —Reuter.

ARSON CAMPAIGN.

VAST AREAS OF CANE SUGAR
DESTROYED.

Havana, Saturday.

Already 1,825,000 lb. of cane sugar have been destroyed by another fire, which is still spreading in plantations in Matanzas province. Police are investigating, but the suspected incendiaries have so far not been traced. —Reuter.

[Previous messages indicated an intense incendiary campaign in the Cuban cane fields. Last week more than a million pounds of cane were destroyed in conflagrations in Havana and Matanzas provinces.]

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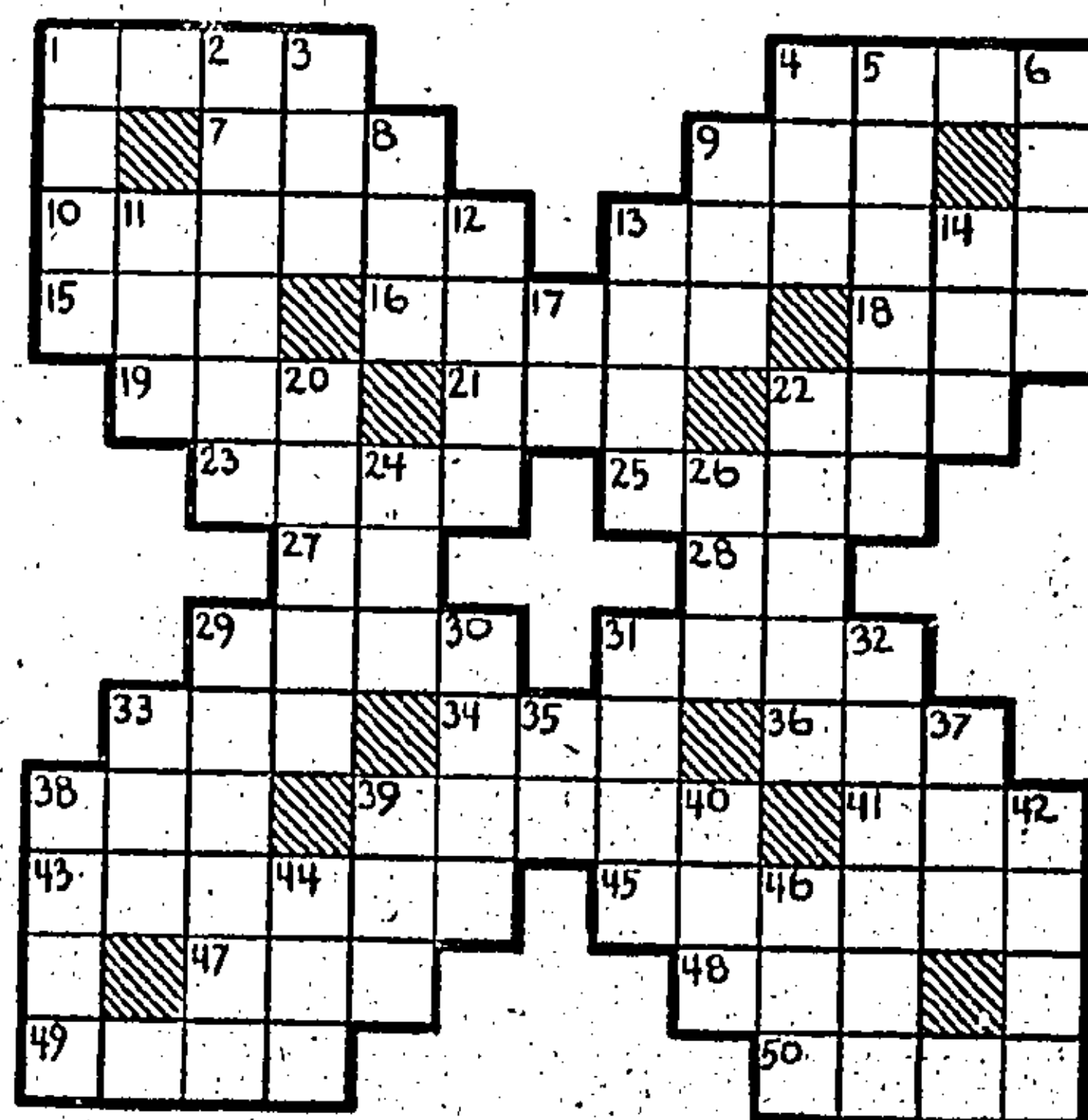
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1-Discharge, as a firearm
4-A glimpse
7-Tavern
9-A vegetable
10-Not often
13-Border
15-Combining form.
16-Shy
18-Lotter
19-Fabric having a corded surface
21-Ensnare
22-Enclosure
23-Lacerated
25-Greek god of love
27-Italian river
28-White
29-Moved swiftly
31-Footprint
33-A Turkish title
34-Corrode | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
38-Child's name for father
39-Child of evil spirits
41-Falshood
43-Acquire
45-Revolved
47-Part of the body
48-Deceit (abbr.)
49-Pottioned
50-Largest continent
VERTICAL
1-Rapid
2-Very small stream
3-Terminate
4-Prefix. By
5-Large birds of prey
6-A sudden pain
8-Used in negation
9-stuff
11-Ever (poet)
12-To burrow | VERTICAL (Cont.)
13-A very small amount
14-Masculine name (Rus).
17-Pronoun
20-A flower
22-Affirmed
24-Fish eggs
26-Rodent
28-To boil
30-The oldest member of an association
31-Heavenly body
32-A name of Athena
33-Carpenter's tool
35-In
37-Wither
38-Sailors
39-Taste
40-To bend the head
42-Feminine name
44-Help
46-Grassy field |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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SAFETY OF ST. PAUL'S. Proposed 'Sacred Area' Too Deep Basements.

The formation of a "sacred area" round St. Paul's Cathedral for the purpose of preserving the building from danger is now receiving the serious attention of the City Corporation. It is proposed that a space shall be defined within which no excavations shall be permitted which would imperil the safety of the fabric.

The Cathedral authorities have long recognised the importance of the subject, the urgency of which has frequently been referred to. The large expenditure on the restoration of the building has led to a revival of the question, particularly in view of the expiration of leases of premises near the Cathedral and the possible erection of buildings which would require deep basements. Early last year Canon Alexander, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, sent to the Corporation a resolution of the representative committee to the effect that the Corporation should be approached "with a view to ascertaining if definite steps can be taken to control the construction of basements in the vicinity of the Cathedral." It was pointed out that the Dean and Chapter have been warned repeatedly by their advisers to guard against dangers arising from underground operations in the neighbourhood of the Cathedral, but as things are at present they have no power to find out the nature of any such work, and have to depend for their information on the courtesy of the owners of the property being reconstructed.

It has been stated that the level of the lowest floor of a building is determined by the Corporation, but that the Corporation has no control over the foundations, and that builders must go down low enough to secure the safety of the superstructure. For the purpose of removing any danger to St. Paul's, the Cathedral authorities have urged that powers should be obtained to ensure that no deep underground works are constructed within a defined area around the building.

The subject is being considered by a committee of the City Corporation and a plan has been prepared showing an area around the Cathedral in which it is suggested there should be no excavations that would be a source of danger to the building. The plan, it is understood, has been a subject of discussion between the committee and the Cathedral authorities. If what has been described as the Sacred Area is decided upon, Parliamentary powers, it is stated, will be required to give the Corporation the necessary control over work of excavation.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

FENCING—To-day—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

GOLF—To-morrow—Completion of Semi-Finals of Adamson Cup.

FRIDAY—First Round of Captain's Cup (Ladies); Fourth Round of Taggart Cup.

SAUNDERS—Governor's Shield—Semi-Finals.

SUNDAY—Second Round Junior Championship, Farling.

February 10—Junior Section, Championship, R.H.K.G.C. (First round).

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Import Trial Game—Army v. The Rest, 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday—R.A.O.C. Warrant Officers and Sergeants v. South Wales Borderers Warrant Officers and Sergeants, Sookunpo, 9 a.m.

Friday—Lal. Wah. Cup Final—Chinese v. Civilians; Second Division—Navy v. Club, Eastern v. St. Joseph's, Borderers v. Royal Artillery, Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon P.C., Argylls v. South China, Club de Recreo v. University; Third Division—Royal Engineers v. R.A.S.C., Royal Air Force v. R.A.O.C., Chinese Athletic v. Borderers, South China v. Two.

Chess—To-morrow—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

Friday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

FANLING HUNT—Wednesday—Race Course.

Saturday—Sun Wai Cam, Sunday—Paper Hunt, Potts's Bungalow, 3.15 p.m.

February 8—Club v. Navy (Triangular Tournament).

RACING—Wednesday—Entries Close for Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

February 8—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

February 28, March 2, 3, 4, and 7—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 22—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

CRICKET—Saturday—Division I: Kowloon C.C. v. Navy (L.); University v. Craigengower C.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Royal Artillery (F.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Marist v. Singles; Division II: Royal Engineers v. Civil Service C.C. (L.); Club de Recreo v. Kowloon C.C. (L.).

ATHLETICS—March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—Scottish Cup—Second Round.

JAPANESE CENSUS REVELATIONS.

Hundreds Found Living in Empty Sewers.

Hundreds of people living in empty sewer pipes; Thousands altogether homeless or living in huts; Thousands unemployed.

These were some of the discoveries made during the taking of the great Japanese Census, the results of which have now been announced. More than 250,000 people were employed taking the census which has cost approximately £400,000. Only three people were exempted from the census, the Emperor Hirohito, the Empress Nagako and the Dowager Empress Sadako. The 62 princes and princesses of the blood, including two young daughters of the Emperor, were all listed and were required to fill in forms giving their ages, occupations and places of residence.

One of the greatest problems of the census was the difficulty of tracing the thousands of Japanese who live on the great canals and rivers. These men, with their wives and children, live in the boats and move from place to place, a special "flying squad" was engaged to deal with these people and also to deal with the waifs who sleep in parks and temple compounds. Many of these children had to be tempted into the open with gifts of rice cake. Experts estimate that the present census will require four years to tabulate.—British United Press.

SLAVERY CHARGE.

LEAGUE SUGGESTIONS TO BE APPLIED.

Geneva, Saturday.

The Council of the League of Nations has received the Liberian Government's decision to apply the recommendations made by the special commission into slavery in the Republic.

The Rapporteur urged that the application of Liberia for administrative financial assistance should be granted conditionally on the reforms being carried out. Mr. Arthur Henderson has been appointed Chairman of a sub-committee on which will also be invited French, German and Liberian representatives, to supervise the grant of the League and the United States assistance.—Reuter.

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